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A Legacy Continues

For Special Olympics Coach of the Year Derek Forrest (inset), a passion for helping others represents a connection with an SIU legend.



Inside: Southern Exposure, Homecoming Schedule, Class Notes, and more...

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CARBONDALE



SIU Carbondale Chancellor Rita Cheng is pictured with Morgan Dillard, a junior pre-medicine student majoring in chemistry with a specialization in biochemistry, and Christopher Wheately, a sophomore double majoring in political science and paralegal studies. They are recipients of the Chancellor's Academic Scholarship.

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ON THE COVER

When Bill Freeberg and SIU President Delyte Morris mapped out in 1949 what would become Touch of Nature, little did he know that his granddaughter's husband would show that same passion more than six decades later for helping people with disabilities.

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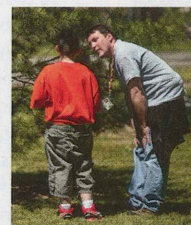
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All In The Family

For someone with a knack for teaching children with disabilities, Derek Forrest couldn't have married into a better family. The Southern graduate is a 2013 Special Olympics Coach of the Year recipient. He is also married to Alexandra Freeberg – granddaughter of Bill Freeberg – a pioneer for helping people with disabilities who played a pivotal role in creation of the Special Olympics.



A Passion For Helping Southern

As the new president of the SIU Foundation, Greg Cook continues to help SIU grow. "I can't think of one person who has demonstrated, time after time, the willingness to step up to help in so many of our fundraising initiatives," says friend and fellow alumnus Roger Tedrick. "The Foundation has been blessed with competent presidents, and I have no doubt that Greg will be considered among the best."

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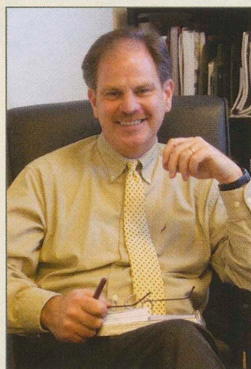
It has been quite a year for former Saluki track and field star Jeneva McCall, who became the first American woman in history to medal in the hammer throw at any international competition, and the first American woman ever to win the event at the World University Games.



Paying Tribute To An Educator

Contributions of a woman nationally respected as one of the nation's leading Health Educators are being celebrated in the Elena M. Sliepecevic Centre for Health Education Studies at SIU Carbondale.

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by Gene Green

When a note crossed my desk this summer that an SIU alumnus had been named the Illinois Special Olympics Coach of the Year in his area, I immediately thought what a great honor that must be for 2004 graduate Derek Forrest. After all, the concept of Special Olympics had in large part been formed at his alma mater decades earlier through the tireless efforts of the late Bill Freeberg.

The world then got even smaller when I learned that Derek is married to Freeberg's granddaughter, Alexandra. They initially met while working at Touch of Nature's Camp Little Giant.

"It is rather amazing that what I now do for a living is something that my wife's grandfather had such a passion for," says Derek, a recreation specialist at the Hope Institute for Children and Families in Springfield, Ill. "Bill died many years before I knew the family, but it would have been a real thrill to sit down and talk to him."

More than 65 years ago, Bill was appointed to study an area at Little Grassy Lake near Giant City State Park to determine if it was feasible for establishing a pilot outdoor education area. Until then, he had served on the SIU faculty for nearly a decade, including a stint as an assistant football coach. He would also become the first person in the country to earn a doctorate degree in recreation.

Based on his encouragement, SIU President Delyte Morris backed a plan for the University to purchase 120 acres in 1950 that would become the site of the first outdoor summer camp for children with disabilities.

Freeberg's son, Glen '73, M.S. '81, says although his father deserves a large degree of credit for the Special Olympics, he would argue that founding Touch of Nature is even more important. "His 40 years of mentoring students at SIU and the programs he helped create across the country while working for the Kennedy Foundation have had a more far-reaching impact," he says.

Touch of Nature, still operating to this day, is an idea Glen says was quite revolutionary.

"That was at a time when people with disabilities were often put in institutions or at home in a basement," he says. "My father did not believe that people with disabilities had physical limitations that prevented them from doing things outdoors, and I know my son-in-law has that same passion."

"Derek is a great guy and it takes a special set of skills to do the work he does – I have watched him in action. He is deserving of this recognition, and I can assure you my father would have loved him and been proud of his achievement."

In 1999 I wrote a story on the 50th anniversary of Touch of Nature, learning a great deal of Bill's legacy in the process. Working on this edition I have discovered even more about the plan he and Morris envisioned. As I noted in that anniversary feature, so clear was their mission that people would joke that both could "stare into a muddy stream and see the bottom."

I hope you enjoy our cover story on Derek Forrest, as we celebrate a gift passionately passed down to him from a person he never met.

Enjoy your magazine.



While he never was concerned about taking credit for his many initiatives, Bill Freeberg made a difference in the lives of countless people.

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Making Her Way

There is always something in *Southern Alumni* magazine that catches my attention, but your story in June about the Kandziorski sisters certainly was a wonderful testament to both their relationship and the role the University is playing in their lives.

I think when any of us has a tough day, it's easy to feel like we have been being singled out or that nothing is working in our favor. Lisa's challenge of getting a degree while battling cerebral palsy shows us that hard work and determination pay off. Her sister, Amy, underscores that point when she says, "Lisa never complains about any-

thing; she tackles what she has to do and becomes a bit more fearless each day."

The video you posted on them was also touching and made me feel great about a lot of things. Here's to the Kandziorski sisters' second year at SIU being even better than their first!

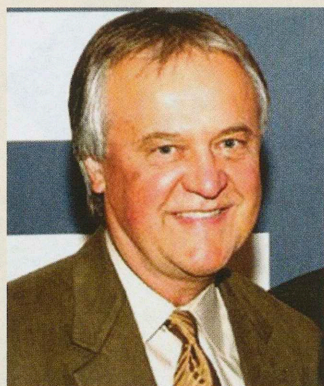
Bill Simmons EX '68

Chicago, Ill.

SIU's 'Outside The Box' Training Served Him Well

Last year I attended a special presentation in Oak Park, Ill., by SIU alumnus Al Gowan who wrote a book on the history of the SIU Design Department. I also am a proud graduate of that department, and it helped to launch my career as a leader in the tradeshow exposition industry.

Upon graduation I never thought I would find a real job in the profession with a general degree like design. At SIU I studied under Buckminster Fuller helping with geodesic domes. One of my other instructors had previously been an employee of an aircraft company, and his experience developing CAD drawings (Fortran) for fabrication of aircraft was way ahead of its time – most design and architecture drawings were then done with T squares and angles. This exposure influenced me greatly later in my career.



Larry Kulchawik

Upon graduation, I knew a girl who worked for a tradeshow exhibit company in Chicago called Mertes Design. They needed a designer and I was hired. Eureka! What the heck was a tradeshow exhibit? It has now been more than 40 years that I have been in the exposition business and have done well. I also married a girl I met at SIU!

In 1990 I became involved with our industry associations to help perpetuate growth and training in the tradeshow industry. I was elected president of the Exhibit Design & Producers Association, and then went on to be elected president of the International Federation of Exposition Services. I still remain active on their boards.

During my terms, I strived to create greater awareness and education in the world of tradeshow design and marketing. The exposition industry in the United States is a \$100 billion contribution to the economy, and ranks 22nd in contribution to the gross natural product. Yet no one went to school to learn this trade – we all fumbled into it.

Southern created the spark that has always pushed me forward. My design training taught me to think outside the box and to systematically analyze the steps to get projects completed. Bravo to the University for recognizing the roles that men like Harold Cohen and Brent Kington played in growing the Department of Design at SIU Carbondale.

Thank you!

Larry Kulchawik '71
Libertyville, Ill.
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A Thanks To SIU

Iowe Southern a lot. I am 90 years old and have been able to put two of my children through college and now am helping do the same thing for two grandchildren.

My late husband, Gene, graduated from SIU in 1950 and earned his master's in 1952. My father – so many years ago – also earned his degree at SINU and taught school for more than 40 years. Without Southern, none of this would have been possible.

Nonnie Osburn '47, M.S. Ed. '51
Springfield, Ill.

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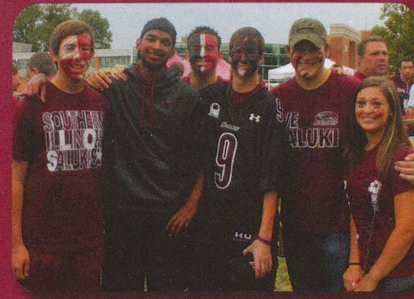
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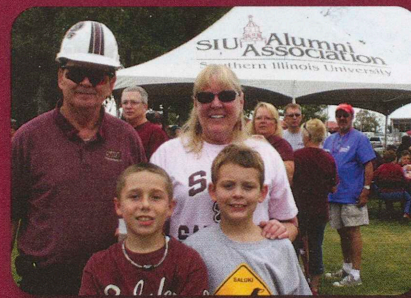
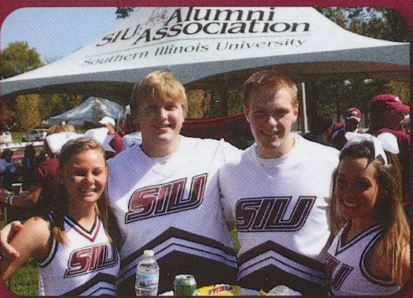
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SIU Welcomes Largest Freshman Class In 20 Years

Gage Barrows firmly believes big things are within reach. So much so, in fact, that he hopes to someday serve in Congress. For now, the Decatur teen is confident the college career he is beginning at Southern Illinois University Carbondale will prepare him for a fulfilling career as an attorney.

Barrows and thousands of other new students – members of the largest freshmen class in 20 years – moved into residence halls in mid-August. Thousands more returning students joined them for the start of the semester on Aug. 19.

“We are excited to welcome such a large freshman class, as well as our returning students,” Chancellor **Rita Cheng** says. “The students bring incredible energy and optimism to the campus and community, and we appreciate the opportunity to help them realize their dreams.”

A Chancellor’s Scholar, Barrows is participating in the Pre-Law Scholars program at SIU, which provides undergraduate educational experiences in law and assures acceptance into the law school after completion of a bachelor’s degree. As he began

looking at colleges that would prepare him for a career in law and perhaps politics, Barrows heard many positive comments about the University. Since his wardrobe had virtually always included an SIU T-shirt, he decided to visit and see campus for himself. What he found quickly sealed his decision.

“It seems like everyone at SIU really wants me to be there. They really care about me,” Barrows says. “And the campus is just amazing.”

Taniah Paden is part of the freshman class as well. Paden, who is from Kankakee, is a pre-med student and plans to be a doctor, perhaps a sports medicine physician. Active in numerous activities in high school, including tennis, National Honor Society and serving as a certified peer mediator, she is also a Chancellor’s Scholar.

Friends told Paden, her high school’s class salutatorian, about the University, and she was hooked when she came to visit.

“Everybody is friendly, the campus is really nice, and the overall environment is great,” Paden says. “Now that I’m here, I



Gage Barrows, left, and his friend Brock Grueter, were among the 1,400 freshmen moving into University Housing in August. More than 900 campus and community volunteers helped students move in.



The largest freshman class at SIU in the past two decades is shown with Chancellor Rita Cheng in this photo taken on the football field. University photographer Steve Buhman captured this five-frame panorama from a scissor lift placed inside Saluki Stadium.

look forward to the new experience and the changes. I want to explore my options and get involved.”

Courtney Kabat couldn't imagine herself anywhere but SIU. After all, it's a family tradition that began when her great-grandmother, Clara Wagner, earned her teaching degree at the University. Courtney's grandmother and father followed in Wagner's footsteps, as did Courtney's brothers. Jordan is a 2011 mechanical engineering graduate, while Brock earned his undergraduate degree in physiology in 2012, and is now attending medical school at SIU.

A fourth-generation SIU student, Courtney plans to major in public relations with a marketing minor; her goal is a career in Chicago or Nashville where she can put her writing skills and love of people into practice. The Waltonville High School valedictorian

was a multi-year class officer who especially enjoyed her work on the student council. “I'm really excited to come to SIU,” says Kabat, a Dean's Scholarship recipient.

Kabat, Paden, Barrows and their families all expressed amazement and appreciation at how quickly and smoothly the move-in process went for each of them. In just minutes, their belongings were in their rooms courtesy of some of the 900 campus and community volunteers there to lend a hand to the new students moving in. There was plenty of help assembling and bunking beds and handling other aspects of settling in, too, thanks to University Housing staff and volunteers.

The Class of 2017 includes students from 30 states and 24 countries. Official enrollment figures were not available when *Southern Alumni* went to press.

On The Side

Two Named To University College Posts



Phil Campbell

Phil Campbell is the new director of New Student Programs, and Katrina James '06, M.E. '13 is the new First Scholars Program coordinator, for Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Both programs are part of the University College and are integral to SIU's ongoing commitment to new freshmen. New Student Programs includes the restructured New Student Orientations and the expansion of SIU Carbondale's orientation program into the first few weeks of the semester.

The First Scholars Program is a scholarship and comprehensive support program for first-generation students. A first-generation student as defined by this program is a student whose parents have not attended college for more than two years and who have not earned a post-secondary degree.

Campbell has served as coordinator of New Student Programs since 2011. He has been part of several recent changes that have taken place in that unit, and he has worked closely with Saluki First Year to launch the Saluki Peer Mentor program, a freshmen retention initiative that connects first-year students in the UCOL 101 courses with continuing students who can help them adjust to University life.

James is a two-degree SIU alumna, holding a bachelor's degree in paralegal studies and a master's degree in higher education. She has experience with University Housing as an assistant complex director, a position that saw her working to improve daily life of graduate and married students. She was an academic adviser for DeVry University and an academic support specialist for Waubesa Community College before returning to SIU.



Katrina James

A Greeting From The Chancellor

Dear Fellow Saluki:

I hope you had a great summer. Although it is hard to believe, the fall semester already is a month old and the academic year is off to a great start, highlighted by a dramatic increase in the number of freshmen. The Class of 2017 is the largest freshman classes in the past 20 years, and it includes 38 talented Chancellor Scholars and 250 University Excellence Scholars. We often say that SIU is one destination for every journey, and that certainly is true for our new freshmen: They come from 30 states and 24 countries.

Each of our new freshmen received a Dell Latitude 10 tablet when they arrived on campus as part of our exciting Mobile Dawg initiative. SIU is one of the first Tier One public research institutions to provide students with this cutting-edge technology, which is the result of a great partnership with Dell, Microsoft and Intel.

The tablets came pre-loaded with e-texts and course assignments needed for several classes, and the many applications will better connect students with campus life. There is significant research that suggests tablets and e-texts enhance the learning experience, and the e-texts are saving students and families money compared to the cost of traditional textbooks.

The new school year also started with some great recognition. The Princeton Review again named SIU one of its "Best of the Midwest." The University is one of 156 colleges and universities selected primarily for academic excellence. The online rankings give prospective students a glimpse into universities through various criteria, including ratings by students in several categories, such as accessibility of professors and campus life.

Research and scholarly activity remain strong. Through June, our grants and contracts totaled \$61.5 million for the fiscal year. Recently funded projects include cancer prevention and treatment, conversion of Illinois coal waste to clean energy fuel, and soybean research.

Homecoming weekend is fast approaching, and you can find all of the details elsewhere in this issue. When you return to your alma mater, I hope you will have tour the campus and see the many improvements we have been making. Among them:

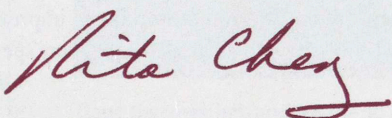
- The Student Services Building, which houses 19 departments and offers students and families one-stop shopping for many services needed on a regular basis. Students no longer have to endure the "Woody Hall Shuffle." I hope you also will take advantage of the nearby pedestrian mall and the Faner pedestrian mall. We have converted these areas into very attractive gathering places that also feature far better lighting to enhance safety.
- The Lew Hartzog Track and Field Complex and Connie Price-Smith Throws Area, which we dedicated in March.
- The renovation of our baseball facility. When it reopens for the 2014 season, it will be known as Abe Martin Field at Richard "Itchy" Jones Stadium. The clubhouse will be renamed to honor the late Coach Dan Callahan. Many of you have fond memories of the "Hill," and that will continue to be an important gathering place for fans. We appreciate the contributions many of you have made to these long-needed improvements.

Many other projects are underway to improve the learning, teaching and living environment on campus. Crews are hard at work completing the sixth and seventh floors of Morris Library, which will become flexible learning spaces when they open for the spring semester, as well as major renovations to the Pulliam Hall pool and gym area. Other improvements may be less apparent but they are making a positive difference, such as the installation of new technology and furniture in nearly 100 classrooms.

From enrollment, to campus improvements, to research, to our national reputation for academic excellence, accessibility, and sustainability, we are making significant progress. In fact, the theme of my annual State of the University address earlier this month was "We have arrived." Thanks to the hard work of our faculty and staff, and the support of our alumni, I have great confidence in the future of our University. My speech is available on my website, <http://www.chancellor.siu.edu/presentations/index.html>.

Fall is a beautiful time on the campus. I look forward to welcoming you back for Homecoming.

Sincerely,

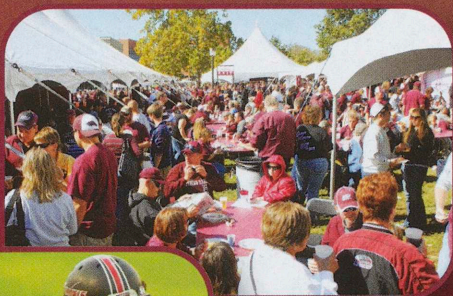


Rita Cheng
Chancellor



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Homecoming 2013



Alumni Tent Will Again Be On Saluki Row

The SIU Alumni Association Homecoming Tent will once again be the meeting place for Salukis young and old. Entertainment and refreshments are free of charge for all alumni and friends. Please visit us at our Homecoming Home on Saluki Row!

Wednesday, October 9

SIU Homecoming Blood Drive
Student Center, Lentz Hall, Grinnell Hall
Time: Noon-6 p.m.

Thursday, October 10

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Voting continues until Thursday,
October 17 at 8 a.m.

Wednesday, October 16

Homecoming Kick-Off
Morris Library North Lawn
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Thursday, October 17

University Press Book Sale
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
University Press
1915 University Press Drive (behind
McLafferty Annex)

SPC Films: Grown Ups 2
Student Center Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Homecoming Comedy Show
Student Center Ballrooms, 7 p.m.

Friday, October 18

Class Of 1963 Reunion Brunch
9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
(Campus tour follows)
Old Main Lounge

University Press Book Sale

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
University Press
1915 University Press Drive (behind
McLafferty Annex)

Half Century Banquet

6:15 p.m., Ballroom D, Student Center

Homecoming Step Show

6:34 p.m., Shryock Auditorium

SPC Films: Grown Ups 2

Student Center Auditorium
7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 19

University Museum Saluki Brunch

North end of Faner Hall, Door 12
10 a.m. - Noon

SIU Homecoming Parade

Downtown Carbondale, 10 a.m.

SIU Alumni Association Tailgate

Saluki Row, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saluki Football vs. North Dakota State

Saluki Stadium, 2 p.m. kickoff
Featuring Half-time Coronation of
Homecoming Royalty

42nd Annual Miss Eboness Pageant

Shryock Auditorium, 6:34 p.m.

SPC Films: Grown Ups 2

Student Center Auditorium
7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
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A Legacy Continues

A photograph of a man, Derek Forrest, leaning over to encourage a young boy in a red shirt and grey cargo pants. They are standing on a grassy field with a large pine tree in the background. Derek is wearing a light blue t-shirt and dark shorts, and the boy is wearing red sneakers. Derek is holding a blue bag or jacket.

Derek Forrest tries to encourage one of his athletes to try again after getting discouraged while attempting to do a long jump.

**For Derek Forrest, Helping People
With Disabilities Was Simply Meant To Be**

by Gene Green



Photos by Justin Fowler, The State Journal-Register

The Special Olympics Coach of the Year for central Illinois gets a hand slap from William Eubank, 19, as they practice sprinting at The Hope Institute. Eubank says Forrest has helped him with basketball, and while he has always enjoyed the game, he needed help with passing and playing alongside teammates. He says Forrest works with him regularly, and the team finished second in the state tournament. "He's the best coach I've ever had," Eubank says.

For someone with a passion for working with people with disabilities, Derek Forrest '04 could not have married into a better family.

No, the recreation specialist at the Hope Institute for Children and Families in Springfield, Ill., did not marry a Kennedy or Shriver – regarded by many as founders of the Special Olympics – but the SIU graduate does have connections that run just as deep.

The 35-year-old Waverly, Ill., resident, named 2013 Special Olympics Coach of the Year in his region, is married to Bill Freeberg's granddaughter, Alexandra. Bill was a pioneer for people with disabilities who played a pivotal (and some say underappreciated) role in the creation of Special Olympics.

Area Special Olympics Director Darrin Burnett says the organization recognizes a coach each year that goes above and beyond what is required. Derek was an obvious selection, regardless of the family connection, he says.

"We weren't even aware he married Dr. Freeberg's granddaughter," Burnett notes. "Derek has been everything we have hoped for

in a coach. He's extremely dedicated and seems as enthusiastic as when he started."

It is a passion Derek knows somehow stretches back to the early days of Touch of Nature.

Coming To Carbondale

Growing up in a small town near Champaign, Ill., Derek knew early on that he wanted to attend SIU Carbondale. He loved the outdoors and had camped at Giant City and Shawnee National Park. His older brother, Matt '96, (a member of the Student Alumni Council and the organization's president in 1995) was a Saluki, so he had enjoyed several visits to campus.

"I really liked SIU and felt it was a great fit," he recalls. "Plus, it was the farthest I could go away to school and still pay in-state tuition." Although he was not initially certain what academic curriculum he would study, Derek soon found his path and passion

"I took a couple of recreation courses and really liked it," he says. "When I needed to do field work, I went to Touch of Nature

Bill Freeberg: A Quiet Leader

Glen Freeberg says he wrestled for years with whether to promote his father's legacy.

He notes his father couldn't have cared less about the recognition and was only concerned with people being able to get help. On the other hand, Glen says the family decided it was important to set the record straight after his father's death in 1987.

"Special Olympics never would have taken off without the vital support and contributions of the Kennedy family, but to say it started in Eunice Kennedy's backyard is not true," Glen points out.

While Bill Freeberg was making things happen more than six decades ago at SIU, in Massachusetts the unfair treatment of people with intellectual disabilities became a focus for the Kennedys.

In 1946, the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation was established, with the goal of advocating for research into the causes of intellectual disability. Eunice Kennedy Shriver, sister of President John F. Kennedy, became the director in 1957.

The foundation awarded millions for research. Shriver's influence also led to the creation of a National Institute for Child Health and Human Development, as well as the President's Panel on Mental Retardation.

In 1962, Shriver opened a summer camp for young people with intellectual disabilities at her home in suburban Washington, D.C. In southern Illinois, Freeberg had been overseeing summer camps at Little Giant for a decade, and on a larger scale, at Little Grassy Lake since 1960.

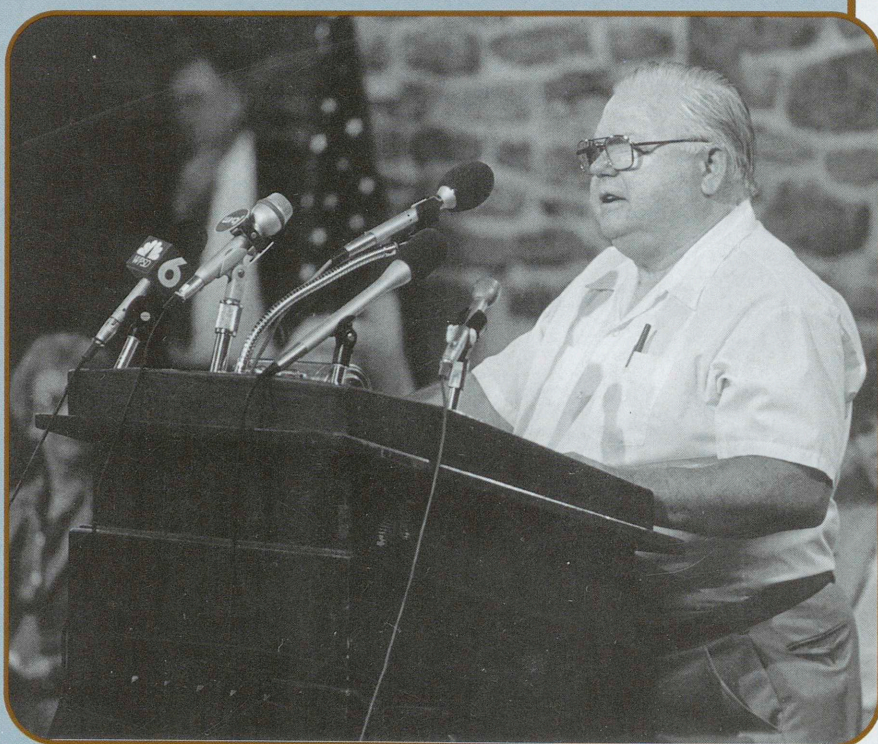
By 1963, Freeberg's work had caught the attention of Shriver. The foundation hired him as a consultant to host workshops for people across the country to learn how to put on camps for children with disabilities.

Attending one of the workshops was a recreation teacher from Chicago named Anne McGlone Burke, who would later become an Illinois Supreme Court justice. She attended one of Freeberg's training programs in 1965, and based on his advice, returned to Chicago and pitched the idea of a track meet for people with disabilities to the Chicago Park District.

Freeberg convinced the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation to sponsor the program, with Burke leaning on him as her "daily consultant" on the initiative. Characteristically, he worked in the background and guided her through the revolutionary event.

The late Bill O'Brien, who worked with Freeberg and later chaired the SIU Recreation Department, called him a visionary. "Bill was usually quiet at meetings," O'Brien told *Alumnus Magazine* in 1987. "But when everyone had finished talking about an issue, he would lay it out like a concrete highway to Washington, D.C. He was phenomenal – he was better than we'll ever know in the quiet things he did."

On July 20, 1968, the first International Special Olympics Summer Games were held at Soldier Field, a joint venture between the Kennedy Foundation and the Chicago Park District. The event spawned the creation of the Special



Olympics, which celebrated its 45th anniversary this year.

"It was truly a breakthrough and wonderful event that changed the world," Glen says.

Since 1968, Special Olympics has expanded across the globe in 220 locations, with the goal of providing year-round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

In 1969, the event came to Carbondale, as the first Southern Illinois Special Olympics was held at McAndrew Stadium and the University Pool.



From left: Glen Freeberg, Alexandra (Freeberg) Forrester, Derek Forrester, Brittany Freeberg, and Gidget Freeberg. The medieval attire was the theme for Derek and Alexandra's wedding. "Four generations of my family have attended SIU," says Glen. "My grandmother, father and mother (who met and got married while students at SIU), both of my sisters, and my daughter Brittany are all graduates. SIU blood runs through our veins."

and got involved with Camp Little Giant. Something just clicked."

Camp Little Giant offers people with disabilities an eye-opening view of their own capabilities and the belief that they can increase their confidence and independence. Located on the shore of Little Grassy Lake, campers have access to a full range of adventure with constant activity at the camp's boat dock, beach, arts and craft area, dining hall, and lodges.

"I grew up in Boy Scouts, worked at camps, and had always enjoyed it," Derek says. "My first year at Touch of Nature was as a counselor in 2003. I came back the next year as head counselor, and in 2005 was named an assistant director. I do have some history there, but that being said, I would never have imagined my future wife's family would be so connected to the place."

The Freeberg Connection

The first summer that Derek was at Touch of Nature, he had the opportunity to meet Glen Freeberg '73, M.S. '81, Bill's son.

The next year Glen and his wife, Gidget, returned to the camp, and brought their daughter, Alexandra, with them.

Although she would not end up attending SIU, a connection and attraction began that would lead to marriage several years later. Glen says his daughter meeting her future husband at Touch of

Nature was not only fitting – but in his mind – far from a coincidence.

"I've always thought of the TOC campus as magical ground," Glen told the *Springfield Journal-Register*. "Because of my dad's work, thousands of kids who had been denied services or institutionalized instead had their first prom, first dance,

The Western Union Telegram

One Oct. 21, 1964, SIU President Delyte Morris received a telegram in his office from Western Union. It was a request – or perhaps more of a favor – from Sargent Shriver. The telegram read as follows:

Respectfully request SIU lend services of Dr. William Freeberg full-time to Kennedy Foundation for three months for purpose of coordinating Foundation's nationwide recreation program for mentally retarded. Foundation will reimburse Dr. Freeberg's salary and expenses. Recreation program involves expanding university community and institutional recreation services for retarded and training of professionals. Dr. Freeberg the only man in country with sufficient grasp and knowledge of problem to carry out this most important and vital program.

– Sargent Shriver, Executive Director, Kennedy Foundation.

On Oct. 27, Morris agreed to the plan, and Freeberg spent the next few months as a consultant. He traveled across the country to observe and evaluate camping programs started by the Kennedy Foundation.



Derek says his personality and sense of humor make him a natural for working with people with disabilities. "I have fun every day that I go to work," he says. "It is so rewarding to see the looks on their faces when they do something for the first time."

first campfire, or first social interaction.

"Anytime I visit, it's such a high because so many good things have happened there. That my daughter met her husband there is just further evidence to me."

Derek agrees, but notes that some things are not easily explained.

"My parents didn't meet the Freebergs until 2005, and when they did they realized they all had grown up in Springfield," Derek recalls. "Glen talked about where he was employed, and mentioned a wonderful woman he had worked with for 20 years. It turns out the woman was my grandmother!"

"After my grandfather died, she remarried and changed her last name. They never put the connection together until that conversation. I have to agree that what has happened is something that was meant to be and serves as a small world experience."

Making A Difference

Derek is quick to point out that nothing he does for people with disabilities is meant for personal recognition. "My wife tells me I'm way too humble," he says. "I just treat it as it's what I do. Getting to see someone with a disability

achieve something others may take for granted is fulfilling.

"Anyone who has been to a Special Olympics competition or volunteered at a camp knows what I'm talking about. When you watch someone do something they have never done before, and then see the look on the person's face, it is a wonderful thing. Some people are harder to reach than others, but when it happens it can be a life-changing moment."

He admits that not everyone is a good fit in this environment.

"If you have a knack for it, it's one of the most rewarding experiences you will have in your life," Derek says. "Serving as a counselor in a camp truly gives you some insight into yourself, as you are doing everything for them, and you bond quickly."

"You are sleeping in the cabin with them, doing direct care work, showering them, helping them go to the bathroom, and other intimate, personal stuff that pulls you out of your comfort zone. This is not like taking care of a baby – you are caring for a grown person, and not everyone can handle that."

"I once worked with a firefighter, an individual in a macho job who did not last long at the camp. He said he would

have no problem running into a burning building to pull someone out, but he couldn't handle this. Everyone is wired differently, but with my personality and sense of humor it is natural for me and I have so much fun."

Derek says he misses SIU and Touch of Nature, but will never forget the lessons learned in southern Illinois that were forged decades before he was born through the blood, sweat, and tears of Bill Freeberg.

"I never met Bill – he died years before I knew the family – yet it's amazing the strong connection I feel to him," he says. "I found I had a gift for working with people with disabilities while a student in Carbondale, and I'm proud to be an advocate for them."

"Just because you are disabled doesn't mean you shouldn't get the chance to do what others do on a regular basis," he says. "We are all human beings, all have the same rights, and should be allowed to experience the same things as everyone else."

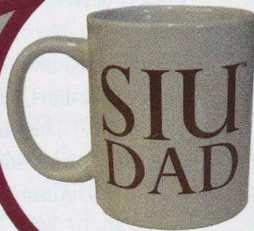
Bill Freeberg would no doubt agree. 🏡

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A View Of Chicago: The Hollister Collection

John Hollister '72 and wife, Lucia, collect Chicago. At first, by chance, but more recently, by design.

They have amassed a stunning collection of Chicago images, as created by visual artists over the past 160 years. Though familiar to the Chicago art world for their Latin American holdings, the Carbondale show will be the first display of their Chicago-based prints.

The exhibit, *Chicago Prints: 150 Years of the City in Art from the John and Lucia Hollister Collection* runs from Oct. 22 to Dec. 13 at the SIU University Museum in

the north end of Faner Hall. This exhibit of 60 prints chronicles moments great and small through the course of Chicago's history.

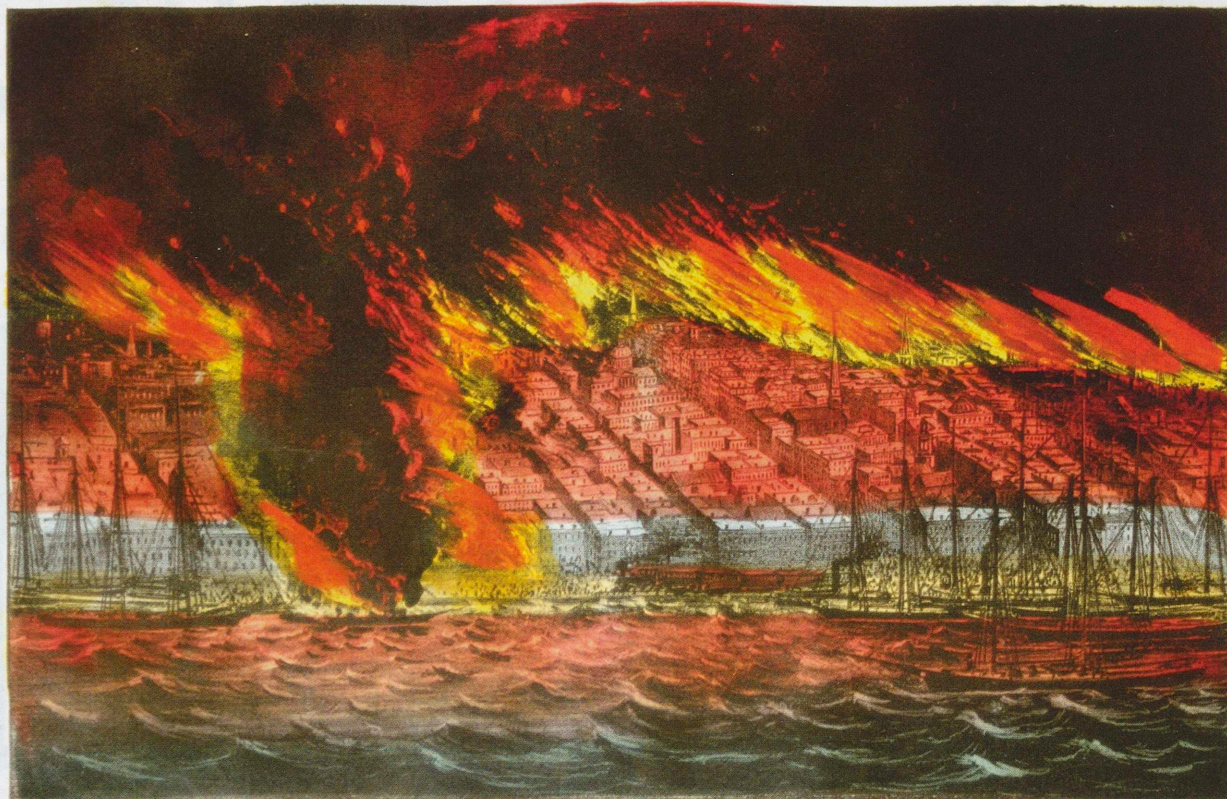
Director of the University Museum Dona Bachman says of the exhibit, "It is curated with a historian's perspective on how the city defined itself at different times in its history. Chicago is a favorite city for many of us, and I believe the viewers will be interested to learn about the political and social forces behind these prints."

The exhibit begins with an 1852

woodcut, "View of the City of Chicago" by Charles Rosenberg that originally appeared in *Gleason's Pictorial Drawing Room Companion*, and it concludes with Xavier Nuez's *Dub Stop 2010*, a digital print from a color negative.

Included will be artists as diverse as Currier & Ives, Lee Sturges, and Salvador Dali. Curated by Hollister, the exhibit has been divided into nine successive, well-defined sections, which include "Prefire: 1852 1871," "The Columbian Exposition," and "Post War Modernism: 1944 1990s."

The SIU Alumni Association life



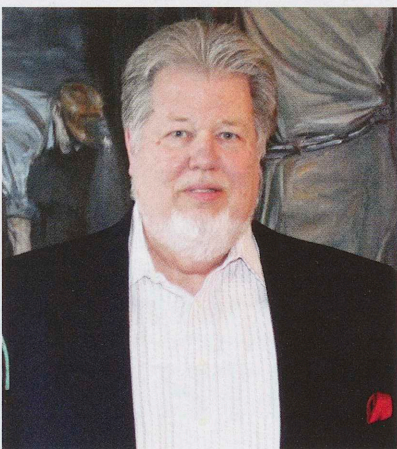
THE BURNING OF CHICAGO.

This terrible Conflagration commenced on Sunday evening, Oct. 8th, 1871, and continued until stopped by the rain on Tuesday Morning, Oct. 10th, consuming the whole of the Business portion of the City, all the Public Buildings, Hotels, Newspaper Offices and Rail Road Depots, and extending over an area of Five square Miles. It is estimated that upward of 500 lives were lost 150,000 people were rendered homeless, and property to the amount of 200,000,000 of dollars were destroyed.

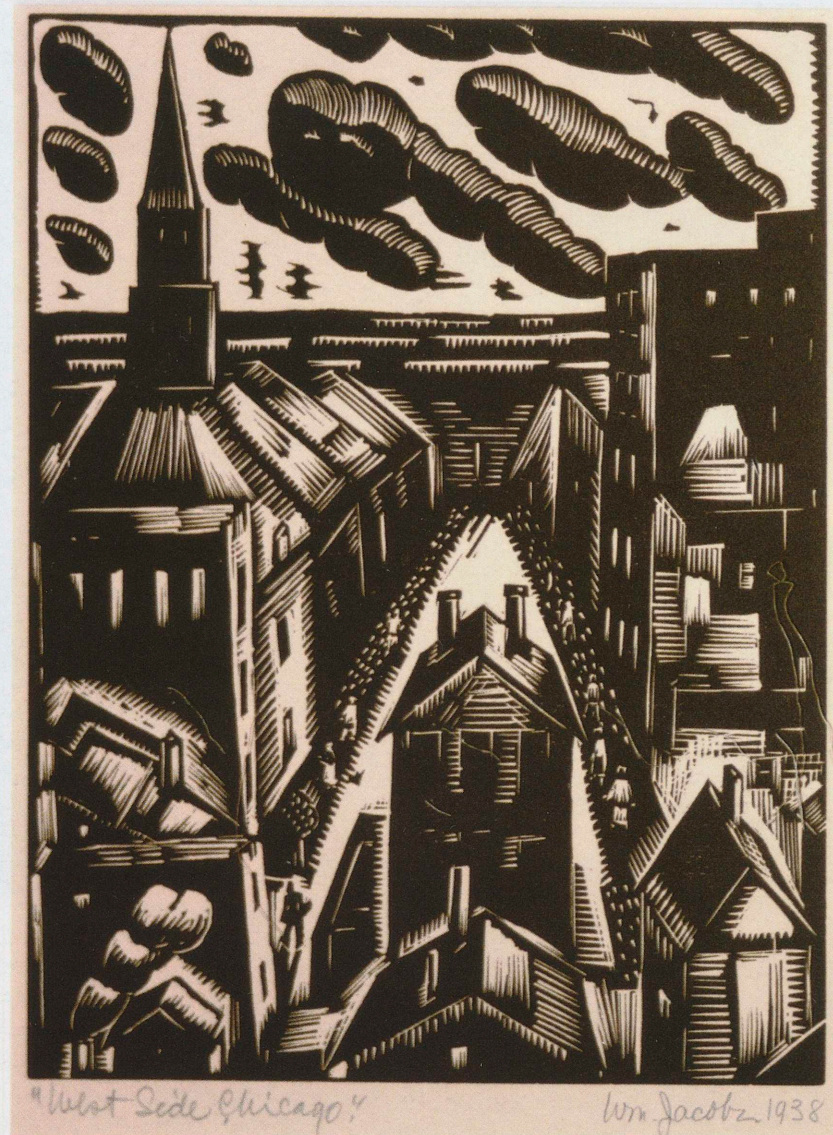
member says, "Prints and the graphic arts, in general, tend to provide a barometer of the popular taste and public interest of a given historical moment. A review of the prints in this exhibition will show how Chicagoans viewed their city and also how they wanted it projected to the larger world audience."

Hollister's ties to southern Illinois extend from the 1840s with ancestral connections to Randolph, Franklin, and Jackson counties. But, he grew up in the city and suburbs of Chicago, graduating from Palatine Township High School in 1964. With the Vietnam War, the Civil Rights Movement, and the Beatles making headlines, Hollister enrolled at Southern in the fall of 1964, where he continued his studies until 1966, when he joined the US Army, serving initially in Europe.

Hollister served two tours in Vietnam before returning to SIU, earning a degree in Asian Studies in 1972. He continued with Southern's graduate program in linguistics before enrolling in the doctoral program at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. At this point in time it was a lack of interest, a lack of funds, and the loss of a program – as IIT had eliminated its linguistics curriculum – that put an end to his academic pursuits.



John Hollister



This turn of events proved prophetic as Hollister had mastered a trade that would open a door of opportunity – working as a janitor – that had financed his way through undergraduate and graduate school.

He worked 17 years as the service manager for National Cleaning Contractors in Chicago, when in 1991 he and his wife founded Chicago Contract Cleaning and Supply Company. In 10 years he had taken the company from start up to \$20,000,000 in annual sales. He sold the company in 2009, but he has

been retained as a consultant by the new owner.

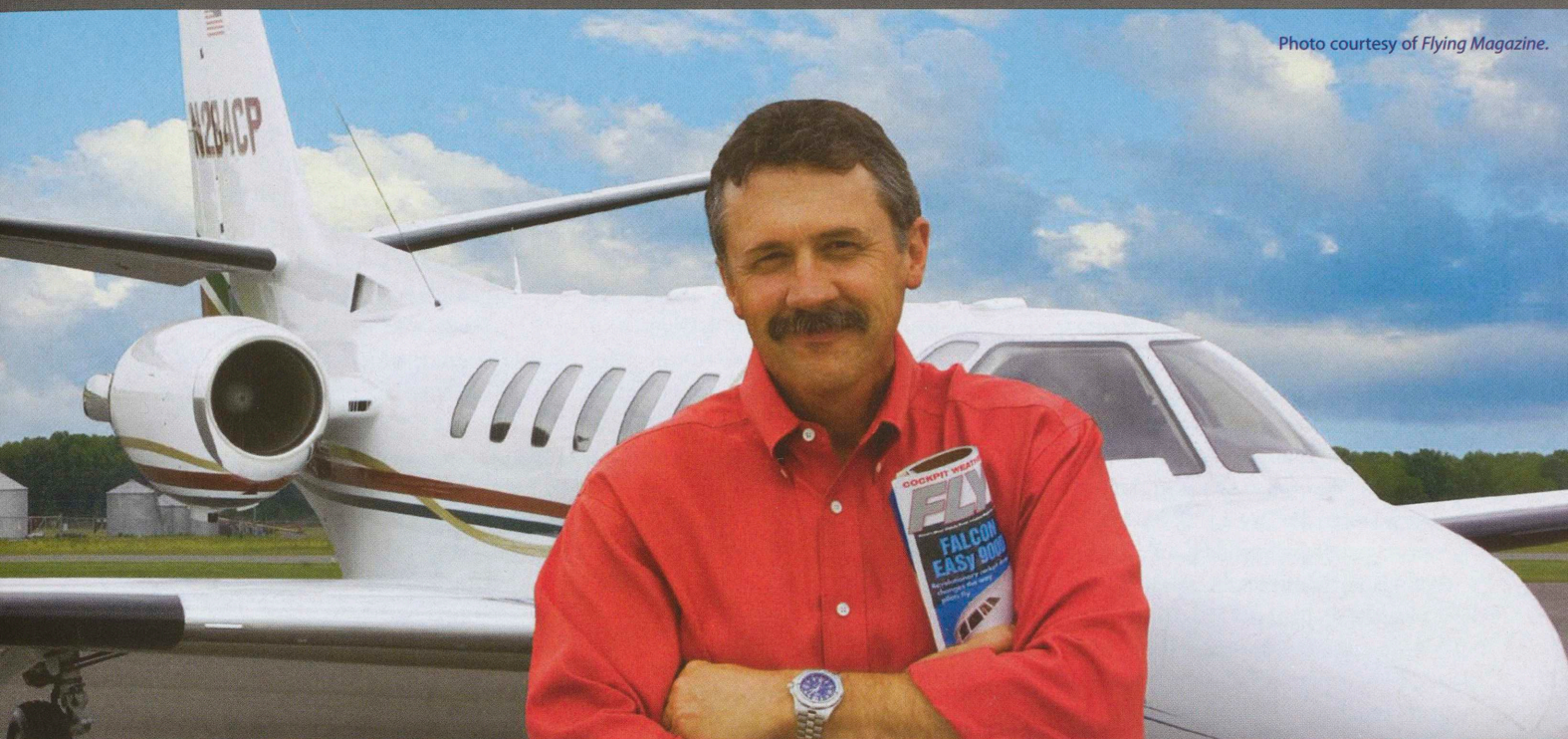
The Chicago exhibit prints of the Hollister collection are the proverbial tip of the iceberg. The Hollisters have amassed more than 500 prints of Chicago, and that's only one area of their collecting interests. They also have a large collection of Latin American paintings, sculptures, and folk art and some outsider art. They also have a large library of more than 1,000 volumes on art in Latin America, outsider/folk art, and art in Chicago.

Greg Cook began serving a two-year appointment as president of the SIU Foundation Board of Directors on July 1.



FOUNDATION PRESIDENT HAS A PASSION FOR HELPING OTHERS

BY GREG SCOTT



Flying is a lifelong passion for Cook. He has owned and operated four different aircraft utilized to enhance his business.

Many people cringe when they reflect on adversity or unfortunate circumstances in their lives. It is something they would prefer to avoid discussing or, perhaps, forget altogether. **Greg Cook** has a slightly different perception.

“Often, negative occurrences force you to make changes,” Cook says. “Upon reflection, you realize that these circumstances can serve as a catalyst for positive developments in your life. That has been the case for me.”

The SIU Carbondale alumnus says he has acquired this lesson firsthand. His experiences and subsequent success have inspired many acts of philanthropy. This is a trait that his wife of 34 years, **Nancy**, a 1980 SIU elementary education graduate whose father taught at the University, truly appreciates.

“Greg is so passionate about the best things ... such as our soldiers serving our country, wounded warriors, people suffering with cancer, Special Olympics, and SIU Carbondale, to name a few,” says Nancy, one of six children in her family to attend SIU. “He invests his time, energy, and money behind these passions. Some people *say* they care; but he truly cares and gets heavily involved.”

Greg and his father, John, co-founded Cook Portable

Warehouses in 1984, which are small to midsized residential wooden storage buildings, with manufacturing plants in Cobden, Ill., Valdosta, Ga., Hattiesburg, Miss., and Austin, Texas. The four plants service more than 250 dealers in portions of 13 states, with sales of more than 12,000 buildings annually. The company employs more than 250 people.

“My father wanted to make sure his children had a strong work ethic and always encouraged us along those lines,” Greg says. “He instilled an entrepreneurial thought process in my mind from an early age.”

A WAY TO SUPPORT OTHERS

Greg, a lifelong flying enthusiast, has owned and operated four different aircraft utilized to enhance his business. This avocation has also been a catalyst in his philanthropic efforts. As a volunteer for Corporate Angel Network and a cancer survivor himself, he supports an organization that periodically provides free air travel for cancer patients to treatment centers, coordinating the use of empty seats on corporate aircraft.

Through an effort coordinated by Cessna Citation, Greg also volunteers to fly Special Olympics athletes to events across the country. He and his wife support many charitable endeavors relat-

ed to wounded military veterans. "The act of giving back or paying it forward and subsequently witnessing the impact it can have on one's life is incredibly rewarding," he says.

He brings this same passion to the presidency of the SIU Foundation Board of Directors, a two-year appointment he assumed on July 1. The volunteer board governs the SIU Foundation, an independent nonprofit organization that provides alumni and friends a means to invest in the University's future.

"Being a part of the SIU Foundation and being asked to serve as its president is an incredible honor," Greg says. "I am happy to give back to an institution which I so dearly love. I look forward to working with the Foundation Board, the Foundation staff, our alumni, and our University along those lines."

Greg says he will strive to be a "role model of giving." Among his objectives: continuing to recruit quality individuals to the board who can enhance development efforts for the University, and developing an emeritus status for departed board members. He also says it will be essential to prepare the University for its next comprehensive fundraising campaign during his tenure.

The SIU Alumni Association life member is hopeful that a new Alumni Foundation Welcome Center, for which he serves as co-chair of the planning committee, will be a part of that campaign.

"It is essential that we discover what people are passionate about. This occurs through developing relationships and that can take time," he says. "We have to consistently communicate with our donors and define the impact of their support to the University. It is also pertinent that we develop scholarship funds for students so we can continue to recruit the best and brightest to our University."

LEADING BY EXAMPLE

Roger Tedrick '70, president-elect of the SIU Foundation, says Greg's passion

for SIU is unsurpassed, and this will be an asset to his presidency.

"Greg's most compelling and unwavering leadership skill is his refusal to approach any situation in other than a positive manner. Negativity has no part of his thinking," says Tedrick, a fellow Carbondale native who has known the Cooks since their childhood years. "The most important attribute the President of the SIU Foundation must possess is a history of philanthropy to SIU."

"The University is blessed with many dedicated donors. But I can't think of one

person who has demonstrated, time after time, willingness to step up to help SIU in so many of our fundraising initiatives. The Foundation has a history of being blessed with competent presidents. I have no doubt that Greg will be considered among the best."

Avid sports fans, the Cooks are season ticket-holders for Saluki football, men's and women's basketball, and softball. The couple donated \$1 million to Saluki Way, an \$83-million project to upgrade athletics facilities at the University, in memory of Greg's father



Greg and Nancy Cook at the 2008 announcement of their \$1 million gift toward the Saluki Way project.

in 2008. Additionally, he also served on a six-member, volunteer steering committee to generate private support of Saluki Way.

"Greg is simply the Salukis No. 1 benefactor," says Director of Saluki Athletics Mario Moccia. "His gift of \$1 million toward the Saluki Way project was the catalyst for us to be able to privately raise \$10 million, and to date he is also the largest single donor toward our baseball project: the creation of Itchy Jones Stadium. "He has also been an integral part of many search committees and has generously allowed the use of his plane for coaching searches, donor flights and recruiting trips.

"We are proud to have named the basketball club room the John Paul Cook Club, in honor of his father. Having an individual who owns a national business and operates it locally in southern Illinois is a huge advantage for our athletic program."

Barry Hinson, in his second year as SIU's head men's basketball coach, has developed appreciation of the Cooks in short order.

"There are people who just *talk* and there are people who *do*; and Greg and his wife, Nancy, are doers. They impact lives every day in one way or another," Hinson says. "I know of no greater investment than people. My friendship with them has made me a better person."

And it is the evolution of occurrences in Greg's life and career that have inspired him to help others. He received early inspiration from his father, a commercial real estate businessman, and his mother, an English teacher at Carbondale Community High School.

Spearheading a small excavating business when he enrolled at SIU in 1976, he established the business during his sophomore year of high school, coordinating efforts primarily with local contractors in residential construction. He spent his summers, weekends, and evenings focusing on enhancing his business.

Greg initially majored in aviation

technology at Southern; however, developments in the aviation industry and economy urged him to change his focus to business administration. But the balancing act of running a business while attending college proved to be difficult. So Greg postponed his pursuit of a degree to focus on his business full time.

Soaring interest rates, coupled with a construction industry that stalled in the late 1970s, forced Greg to ultimately shut his business down. His initial plan was to return to SIU and enroll in ROTC, with the thought of flying jets and getting accepted into a flight school upon graduation. However, a relative in Houston contacted him with an unexpected opportunity to work in his oil machine shop.

"He offered to pay all of my tuition to attend the University of Houston, in addition to my expenses," Greg says. "Also, I could go to school in the mornings and work second shift." He moved south, and the transition was going smoothly as he was working and earning his undergraduate degree in business administration at the University of Houston. But one morning, things changed as he felt a knot on the side of his neck.

"After several tests and examinations over a course of three months, my doctors diagnosed me with Hodgkin's Lymphoma and wanted to admit me into a local hospital right before Christmas break," he says. "I decided to move back home, because the support of family and friends during cancer treatments is important."

Greg was admitted into Barnes Hospital in St. Louis where he underwent a six-month period of successful surgeries and radiation treatments.

Shortly thereafter, Greg and Nancy started their family. The couple has three children, Jacob, Jared, and Carly. Jacob is a graduate of the Military Academy at West Point and is currently a company Commander with the 101st Airborne at Fort Campbell, Ky., and Jared received his associate's degree from Southeastern Community College and is an energy broker in southern

Illinois. Carly just earned a degree in Foreign Language and Commerce from the University of Virginia.

A NEW BUSINESS BEGINS

After his recovery, Greg joined his father in selling railroad cross ties for a company in the southeast region of the country. When the company folded, the Cooks established their own business initially selling railroad cross ties. One client was a pressure-treating lumber company that was supplying cross ties to home building centers in Atlanta. The Cooks traded 50,000 cross ties to the client for some pressure-treated lumber.

"We brought the lumber back to Carbondale and were unable to sell it. So my father and I were trying to decide what to do with this aging lumber," Greg recalls. "Finally, we called a carpenter in Murphysboro and had him build a shed – it sold immediately. Cook Portable Warehouse got started by accident."

So Greg keeps a positive mindset even when reflecting on some of the setbacks he has conquered in his life.

"First of all, I probably never would have returned to Carbondale if it weren't for my sickness. Secondly, I may never have been able to enjoy my first love of flying airplanes, either," he says. "As a result of my illness and difficult financial times, which ultimately led to my inability to complete my degree requirements, I am driven to help as many people as I possibly can to attain their degrees and enhance their educational experience at SIU."

And Nancy has no doubt in her mind that her husband's work ethic in his new role with the Foundation will mirror his efforts in establishing himself as a successful businessman.

"As the new SIU Foundation president, I would say Greg has two feet in the door and has his work boots on," she says. "He will always give his best and remain passionate about this University."

Fans Select SIU All-Century Football Team

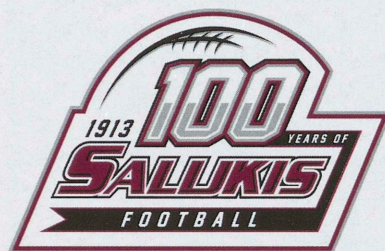
In celebration of 100 years of SIU Football, Saluki Athletics announced the SIU All-Century Football Team. Selected by a fan vote over the course of three weeks and including 50 players and two coaches, the ballot was comprised of 95 players and three head coaches and was created by a committee of SIU administrators.

The team includes four quarterbacks, eight running backs, four wide receivers/tight ends, seven offensive linemen, five utility players, seven defensive linemen, five linebackers, six defensive

backs, two punters, two kickers, two return specialists and two head coaches.

Two players were voted onto the team twice because they were voted in as linebackers as well as in the "Utility" category that includes players who played both offense and defense, which was common in college football prior to 1970.

Members of the All-Century Team were recognized on the field during the Sept. 14 home game versus the University of Charleston.



Members selected for the SIU All-Century Team are:

Quarterbacks

Jim Hart (1963-65)
Joel Sambursky (2000-05)
Nick Hill (2005-07)
Rick Johnson (1980-83)

Running Backs

Tom Koutsos (1999-03)
Brandon Jacobs (2004)
Arkee Whitlock (2004-06)
Deji Karim (2007, 09)
Amos Bullocks (1958-61)
Andre Herrera (1974-76)
Muhammad Abdulqaadir (2002-03)
Burnell Quinn (1976-79)

Wide Receivers/Tight Ends

Lionel Antoine (1969-71)
Kevin House (1976-79)
Cornell Craig (1996-99)
Damon Jones (1994-96)

Offensive Linemen

Tom Baugh (1982-85)
Jim Lovin (1946-49)

Bryan Boemer (2008-10)
Aaron Lockwood (2005-08)
Elmer McDaniel (2003-04)
Will Justice (2003-06)
David Pickard (2008-10)

Utility (more than one position)

Carl Mauck (1966-68)
Marion Rushing (1954-57)
Abe Martin (1929-31)
Carver Shannon (1955-58)
Jim Battle (1959-62)

Defensive Linemen

Houston Antwine (1957-60)
Sam Silas (1959-62)
John Harper (1979-82)
Sterling Haywood (1982-85)
Bryan Archibald (1998-01)
James Cloud (2006-08)
Andre Bailey (1997-99)

Linebackers

Bart Scott (1998-01)
Carl Mauck (1966-68)
Brandin Jordan (2006-09)
Marion Rushing (1954-57)
Fabray Collins (1981-83)

Defensive Backs

Terry Taylor (1980-83)
Korey Lindsey (2007-10)
Alexis Moreland (2001-04)
Donnell Daniel (1982-83)
Greg Shipp (1980-83)
Oyd Craddock (1976-79)

Punters

Mark Gagliano (1993-96)
Scott Ravanese (2006-09)

Kickers

Craig Coffin (2002-06)
Kyle Dougherty (2007-10)

Return Specialists

Craig Turner (2004-06)
Larry Warner (2007-08)

Head Coaches

Jerry Kill (2001-07)
Rey Dempsey (1976-83)

SIU Football Picked 7th In Tough MVFC

Saluki football has been picked to finish the season seventh in the 2013 Missouri Valley Football Conference Preseason Poll, on votes from the coaches, local media, and sports information directors of the 10-team conference. Two-time defending national champion North Dakota State is the unanimous pick to win the conference.

Coach Dale Lennon's Salukis finished the 2012 season with a 6-5 overall record and tied for third place in the MVFC with a 5-3 conference mark despite also being picked seventh in last year's preseason poll.

Junior tight end MyCole Pruitt earned a spot on the team, and senior punter Austin Pucylowski earned slots on the conference's preseason all-MVC squad. Pruitt was a first-team selection and third-team all-American in 2012. He led all tight ends in the Valley with 49 receptions, 577 yards, and four touchdowns in 2012. He has also been named a preseason second-team All-American by *The Sports Network* and Phil Steele this preseason.

Pucylowski was an All-MVFC honorable mention last season and ranked third in the conference and 20th in the nation in net punting with a 36.7 average.

SIU opens the conference portion of the season Sept. 28 hosting Youngstown State University on Family Weekend. That also will be the third annual "Black Out Cancer" event and will again feature a jersey auction. All funds raised from the auction will go toward plans to build a new cancer treatment center in southern Illinois.

For the full Saluki schedule, along with results of early season games, go to www.siusalukis.com.

Saluki Men Picked To Win MVC, Women Third In XC Poll

The Saluki men's cross country team has been picked to repeat as Missouri Valley Conference champions in 2013 in a preseason coach's poll. The Saluki women, who posted their best MVC finish (third) since 2006 last fall, were picked to repeat in third place and received one first-place vote.

The Saluki men received 77 points and five first-place votes. Indiana State was a close second, finishing three points behind Southern in the voting at 74 points and three first-place votes. SIU

returns all five All-MVC runners from its 2012 championship squad and lost only one student-athlete from last season. NCAA qualifier and All-MVC performer *Brian Dixon* will lead the Saluki men, and All-MVC runners *Zach Dahleen*, *Nick Schrader*, *Oscar Medina*, and *Juan Carrera* will solidify the Saluki men's squad. Head coach *Matt Sparks*, 2012 MVC Coach of the Year, has won the men's championship four times in nine seasons at the helm of the combined cross country program.

The Saluki women, who stole one first-place vote from three-time defending MVC champion Illinois State, will look to unseat the Redbirds and stave off newcomer Loyola. *Sadie Darnell*, *Kelley Gallagher*, *Kristen Levi*, *Alyssa Allison*, and *Lacey Gibson* all finished within the top-30 at last season's conference meet and should steady a solid Saluki women's squad in their hunt for the first SIU women's title since 1992.

For a look at the schedules, go to www.siusalukis.com.

Volleyball Looks To Battle Strong Schedule

The SIU volleyball team begins its 2013 conference season in late September, as head coach Justin Ingram looks to build on an impressive showing during his first year with the Saluki squad.

Ingram guided the Salukis to a 21-9 overall record with a fourth-place 11-7 mark in the Missouri Valley Conference in 2012. Although several key starters have graduated, *Elly Braaten*, *Emily Less*, and *Jessica Whitehead* return as seniors, and *Taylor Pippen* is back as the lone sophomore for a team picked to finish fifth in the MVC in a preseason poll.

"It took a lot of hard work and four great seniors to make the 2012 season happen," says Ingram. "It didn't end how we wanted it to end, but at the same time we are pleased with the progress the program has made."

Nine newcomers will be on this year's roster, as Ingram's first class of recruits features five in-state players and signees from Texas, Kentucky,

England, and Puerto Rico. Two are junior college transfers from JUCO powerhouse Western Nebraska Community College.

For the first time in 33 years, the program will not host the Saluki Invitational. SIU instead will travel for

non-conference tournaments. SIU will not host a tournament because Ingram wants to strengthen its RPI rating. Last season Southern had the biggest RPI jump in the country, going from a 246 in 2011 to 79 in 2012.

The team also is coming off a season where they were standouts in the classroom. The squad finished the 2012-13 school year with a cumulative 3.475 GPA, as five members of the team carried a 4.0 over both semesters.

This year's squad will have some renovated surroundings to call home, as Davies Gym received a face-lift during the past few months. The locker room renovation included brand new carpeting and wooden lockers with player nameplates, and the court was resurfaced and painted.

Go to www.siusalukis.com for the 2013 volleyball schedule.

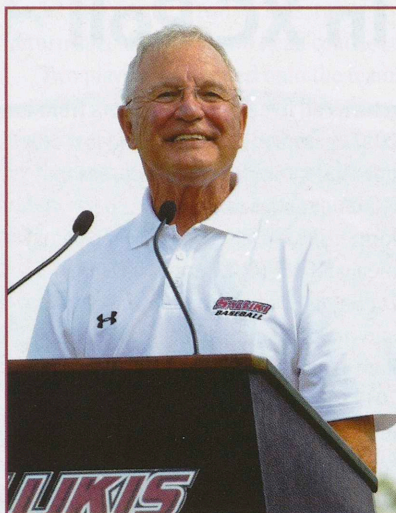


Jessica Whitehead

Ground Broken For Itchy Jones Stadium

SIU Athletics officially broke ground on a \$4 million renovation of Abe Martin Field with a ceremony June 25 at the 49-year-old baseball stadium. Speaking at the event were SIU Chancellor Rita Cheng, Director of Athletics Mario Moccia, Head Coach Ken Henderson and Saluki infielder/outfielder Donny Duschinsky.

Saluki Hall of Famer and former SIU coach **Richard "Itchy" Jones '61, M.S. '66**, also spoke at the ceremony. The new stadium will honor Jones, the winningest coach in program history, when it reopens for the 2014 season as Abe Martin Field at Richard "Itchy" Jones Stadium. The new facility will feature a new seating bowl, press box and dugouts as well as the addition of stadium lights, a synthetic grass playing surface, and a security fence around the facility.



Itchy Jones greets the crowd at the groundbreaking ceremony.

In addition, the clubhouse, which was built largely by Jones himself, will be renamed to honor the late Dan Callahan.

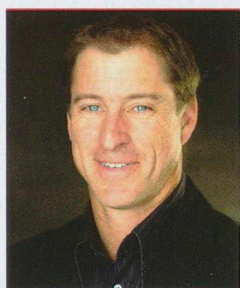
Callahan led the Salukis for 16 seasons and is the second-winningest coach in program history.

In 21 years as head coach at SIU, Jones led the Salukis to a 738-345-5 record en route to berths in 10 NCAA Tournaments and three College World Series. "It is an honor for me and my family to have our name on the same stadium as Glenn 'Abe' Martin and Dan Callahan," Jones says. "This is the greatest athletic honor that I've ever received. I say that because our players took a great part in it."

More than 250 people were in attendance for the ceremony, which took place on the infield, 50 feet from the freshly demolished old stadium bleachers. "We are celebrating an ongoing transformation of this campus," Cheng notes. "It is an investment in our students, our University and our region."

Finley To Be Part Of 2014 MVC Hall Of Fame

Saluki baseball great Steve Finley will be inducted into the Missouri Valley Conference Hall of Fame on Friday, March 7, 2014, the league has announced. He is one of the five mem-



bers of the 2014 Hall of Fame class.

In four years at SIU, Finley was a two-time All-MVC selection. He signed with

the Baltimore Orioles as their 13th-round draft pick following his senior year and enjoyed a 19-year career in Major League Baseball. The starting center fielder on the 2001 Arizona Diamondbacks World Series champi-

onship team, he was also a five-time Gold Glove winner and a two-time MLB all-star.

At the time of his retirement, of all active players, he was 1st in triples (124), 3rd in games (2,583) and at-bats (9,397), 4th in hits (2,548), 7th in runs (1,443), 8th in total bases (4,157), and 9th in doubles (449) and stolen bases (320). He is one of five players to ever play in the Majors with at least 2,500 hits, 300 homers, and 300 steals, joining Barry Bonds, Willie Mays, Alex Rodriguez, and Andre Dawson.

Finley will be the first SIU baseball player to enter to the MVC Hall of Fame and the seventh Saluki overall. The league will conduct its annual Hall of Fame ceremony as part the Missouri Valley Conference Men's Basketball Championship weekend next March 6-9.



Finley had more than 2,500 hits during 19 years in MLB.

McCall Becomes First American Woman To Medal In Hammer Throw

by Tyler Wooten

Her father is a former heavyweight champion of the world. One of her brothers was the starting running back for the Saluki football team, and the other is attempting a boxing career. Saluki track and field star Jeneva McCall, however, is quickly becoming the most accomplished of her family.

Easily one of the best athletes to ever grace Southern or the Missouri Valley Conference, the 2012 SIU graduate has quickly developed into one of the top throwers in the world thanks in part to a stellar 2013 campaign on the pro circuit. During her time as a Saluki, McCall won three NCAA individual championships (the most in school history), was a three-time NCAA runner-up, won 13 All-American honors, and 15 MVC championships.

In March, the USA Indoor Championships were imbued with Saluki maroon. SIU graduate Gwen Berry '11 won the weight throw championship with a throw of 24.70m (81-00.50), the best throw in the world in 2013 which made her one of only three women to ever throw 80 feet (one of which is former Saluki and world record holder Brittany Riley '08) and the only woman under 200 pounds to ever throw 75 feet.

Meanwhile, McCall – who had the second-best weight throw and seventh-best shot put marks in the world in 2013 – finished third in the weight throw and second in the shot put.

In June, both Salukis competed at the USA Outdoor Championships in Des Moines, Iowa, but this time it was McCall who came out on top. With a personal best heave of 74.00m (242-09), she took second place in the hammer throw to qualify for the IAAF World

Championships in Moscow in August. At the time her mark was official it was an American record – until the finals when Amanda Bingson broke it with her winning mark of 75.73m (248-05).

Only a few weeks later McCall made history.

A Saluki In Russia

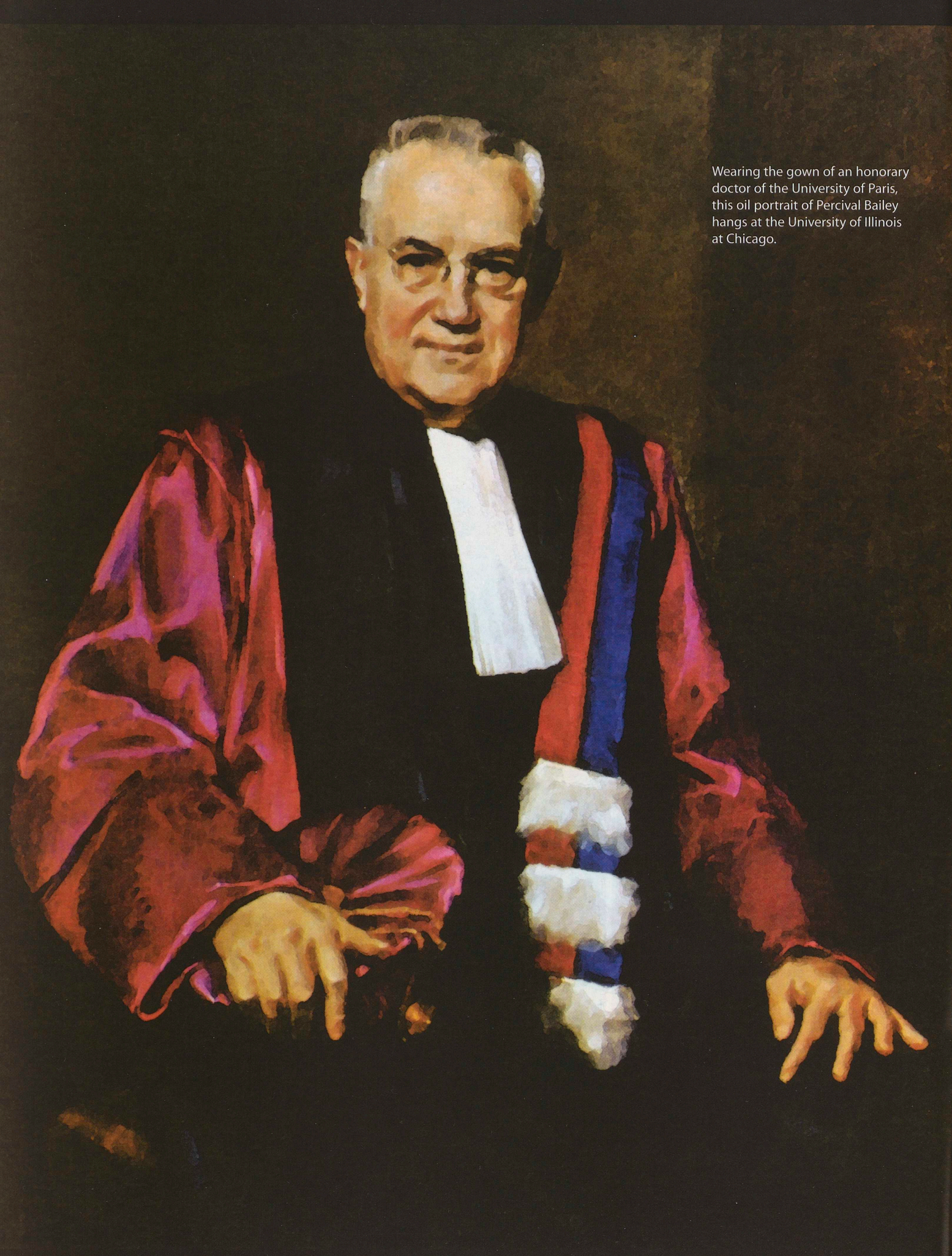
Her father, Oliver McCall, had made a

name for himself in the history books when he defeated Lennox Lewis in 1994 for the world title. Jeneva delivered a similar upset knockout to perennial hammer throw powerhouse Russia in their own backyard. At the World University Games in Kazan, Russia, on July 10, she became the first American to

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McCall, who graduated from SIU in 2012, continues to train in Carbondale. She credits her coaches with helping her become an international force in the sport.

An oil portrait of Percival Bailey, an older man with glasses, wearing a dark academic gown with a white collar and a red and blue striped stole. He is seated, with his hands resting on his lap. The background is dark and textured.

Wearing the gown of an honorary
doctor of the University of Paris,
this oil portrait of Percival Bailey
hangs at the University of Illinois
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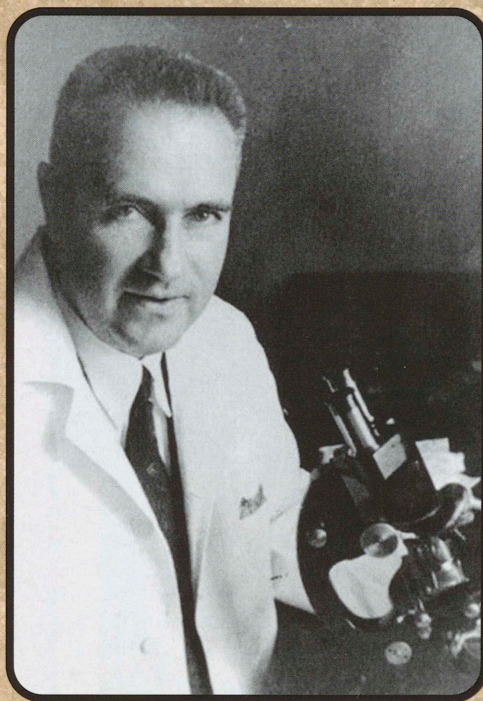
WAS PERCIVAL BAILEY THE OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS OF SOUTHERN'S FIRST 75 YEARS?

BY HERBERT RUSSELL

Southern Illinois native Percival Sylvester Bailey was a genius – of that there is little doubt. The son of a teenage mother and a carpenter-father, he was born in Mt. Vernon, Ill., in 1892. Hard times forced the family to move to a one-room log house near Springerton, where he began his education in the Buckskin School in rural Hamilton County.

Country schools of the 1890s were usually staffed with only one teacher who taught the first eight grades in one room. Some students attended only when no farming could be done; others were kept away when dirt roads were impassable. Because of the haphazard nature of their schooling, some students attended well after they had passed their teen years.

By the time Bailey began school at age 6, he had already learned how to read from his mother, and after he had attended the Buckskin School for a time, he became an “assistant” to his teacher.



Percival Bailey

“About 40 pupils, ranging in age from 7 to 21, were cooped up in a room 20 by 24 feet in size with an iron stove in the middle,” Bailey once recalled. “He had the idea of making me the assistant teacher. I taught the first four grades and he taught the last four simultaneously, he in the front of the room and I alongside the stove.”

Bailey’s father seldom prospered and was often out of sorts when home. After a serious confrontation between father and son in 1906, he moved at age 13 to the home of an uncle where he lived and did farm work for three years. He was on a trip

to nearby McLeansboro when he saw a flyer advertising scholarships to attend Southern Illinois Normal University. (*Normal* indicated that the University was a teacher training school that taught educational standards or “norms.”)

Bailey had completed only tenth grade at what was called a junior high school, but he wrote on the exam, won the scholarship, and in October 1908 headed off to Carbondale in a horse-



Bailey would go on to gain worldwide recognition as a neurologist and neurosurgeon.

drawn wagon. He was accompanied by five other farm boys who looked with curious eyes at the "swamp rat from Beaver Creek," a reference to a sleepy stream near Bailey's home and to the poor reputation of those living near it. The horses were in no hurry, and the 75-mile trip from McLeansboro to Carbondale took three days.

The University was then two blocks wide and four blocks long, its 20 acres accommodating a few hundred students and a faculty of perhaps two

dozen. The 16-year-old Bailey had arrived with no money, and it was fortunate that he soon encountered Miss Martha Buck. Born in Cambridge, England, she had been teaching at the Bryant-Stratton Business College in Chicago when she was hired in about 1874 as a charter member of SINU's faculty. She taught writing and grammar and, more importantly, recognized in Bailey a future that held promise.

Miss Buck added to her University salary of \$800 per year by renting rooms

in her house to men and women attending the Southern. She offered to let Bailey a room at her house for free in exchange for performing odd jobs. He did yard work, looked after her pony and cart, and pumped water into a large tank on her roof, the source of Saturday night bath water. She also expected him to go to church, where he fired the furnace and accepted the Biblical dictate to try to love everyone.

As he began his second year, the 17-year-old Bailey noticed the popularity of football players and soon became the team's halfback. School work was easy for him – he had to read things only once – and by the time he had turned 18 and finished his sophomore year, he had numerous friends. In warm weather, he and his chums sometimes cooled off with a dip in nearby Thompson's pond, now the SIU Campus Lake.

When Bailey began his junior year in 1910, a principal at Carbondale High School was organizing a football team and convinced him that he would be more likely to find a teaching job if he had a high school diploma. In short order Bailey was taking a special German course and playing football for Carbondale High School as well as the University. The two teams played on the same field (located off campus at South Washington and East College streets), and Bailey occasionally played for the high school in the mornings and for Southern in the afternoons. No one told him this was unusual, nor would he have found it so.

"Once a person sets a goal," he later wrote, "he just has to go about finding the necessary ways and means of achieving [it]."

English Professor (and later President) William Shryock noticed Bailey's abilities and selected him for membership in the Zetetic Literary Society, an academic club that sponsored competitions in speaking and writing. Bailey did well and closed out his academic career by delivering the commencement address in the spring of 1912. The

occasion was tinged with sadness at the loss of his mother only weeks before, but it was her death in February 1912 that caused him to go into medicine.

In 1912, SIU offered diplomas designed for teachers, but post graduate admission to professional schools such as medicine was conditional. Bailey's Latin professor, Carlos Eben Allen, vouched for Bailey's brilliance with the registrar at the University of Chicago, and in the fall of 1912, he enrolled at that institution. Miss Buck pledged additional financial support if he needed it, but Bailey found a job as a cashier in a Chicago restaurant, and new scholarships and friendships came his way.

During the next six years, Bailey also studied at Northwestern Medical School, completed an internship, served in the Army's Medical Enlisted Reserve Corps, and logged exhaustive days and nights, all of which paid off in June 1918 when he earned his M.D. at Northwestern one day and received a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago the next. His Ph.D. thesis explored the anatomy of the brain, and he would shortly excel as a brain surgeon.

A book would be required to tell where Bailey went during the next 45 years as he performed research, taught, and published the results of his findings in neurology, neurosurgery, psychiatry, and related fields involving the brain. He was at Johns Hopkins, at Brigham Hospital in Boston, Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago, the Ivy League, and in France, Germany, and Belgium, at the University of Illinois in Chicago, and elsewhere.

He created a system of classification for brain tumors; served for a decade as editor of the neurosurgery chapters of *The Year Book of Neurology, Psychiatry, and Neurosurgery*; and helped create the Illinois State Psychiatric Institute. He was elected president of the most important neurological and neurosurgical associations, and authored or coauthored more than 260 publications. He rose to the top of his profession.

By the time Bailey was in his 50s, he was known in the United States as "Mister Neurology." He enjoyed worldwide recognition as a neurologist and neurosurgeon, a professional highpoint of his career coming in Paris in 1949 when he received an honorary doctorate from the University of Paris. A painting by Edmund Giesbert reproduced for this article commemorates that occasion. The University of Chicago and Southern Illinois University both bestowed honorary doctorates on their former student.

Friends say that Percival Bailey had a quick sense of humor, was a good family man and father, and a likable person – unusual attributes for a hard-driving professional. He exercised his humor in at least one publication: he studied Sigmund Freud's theories in their original German and dismissed him in a book as *Sigmund the Unserene*.

Beginning in 1950, Bailey found a congenial outlet for his several interests in the Chicago Literary Club where members read papers on subjects of their own choosing. Bailey told of his

travels, professional satisfactions, and of his years in southern Illinois, aka "Little Egypt."

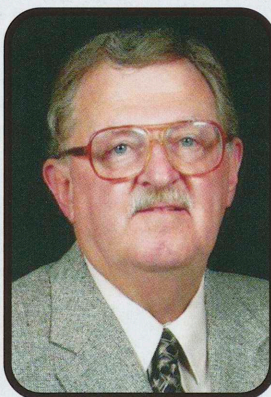
In 1969, he gathered eight of these talks into a memoir, *Up From Little Egypt*. He used the name of his first country school as its publisher, the Buckskin Press. Bailey returned to SIU in the 1940s to offer professional advice as the school gained full-fledged university status. He remained active until overtaken by ill health, and died in the Chicago area in 1973.

In the intervening years, his former pupils and graduate students have excelled worldwide. One of his former students, Dr. Paul Bucy, described Bailey as "a truly renaissance man, the likes of which we shall probably never see again."

Certainly, Bailey was an outstanding alumnus of SIU's first 75 years. His opportunity in 1908 to attend what became Southern Illinois University made the world a better place, and illustrates that even the most downtrodden can benefit from scholarships and a caring faculty.

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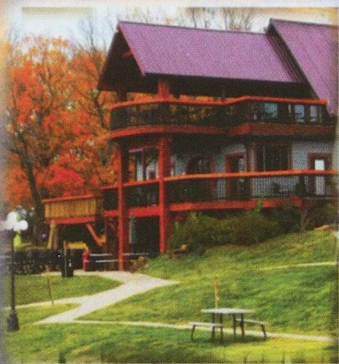
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Herbert Russell

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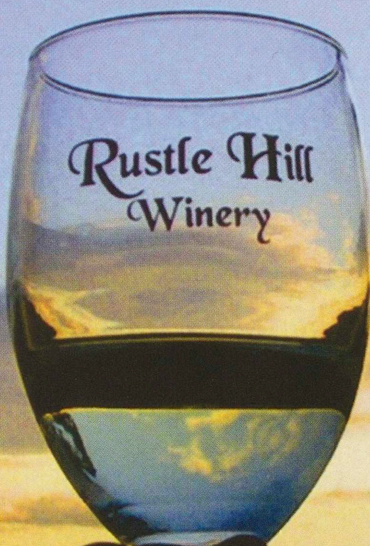


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5/14/2013, Avon, Ill.

MALCOLM, Norma S., '72
3/31/2013, Elkhart, Ind.

WHITE, Larry A., Ph.D. '72
11/25/12, Austin, Texas

Liz Sexson; Worked In SIU's Chicago Office



Elizabeth "Liz" Sexson recently passed away at the age of 75. The Rantoul, Ill., resident worked for several years in SIU's Chicago office as an administrative assistant and events coordinator. The 1960 SIU graduate was the 2000 recipient of the Alumni Achievement Award at the University, and was a long standing member and past president of both the Illinois and National Association of Education Office Personnel.

MAASS, JR., Edward A., '73
5/11/2013, Lodi, Wisc.

MCKEE, John R., '73
7/20/2013, Anaheim, Calif.

NEWMAN, Linda L., '73
6/13/2013, Belden, Miss.

BODZIUCH, Fred P., '74
6/09/2013, Streator, Ill.

ERICKSON, Randy G., '74
7/05/2013, Key West, Fla.

COMMEAN, Dr. Victor L., M.S. '75
6/12/2013, Peoria, Ill.

KUMAR, Suresh A., M.B.A. '75
5/18/2013, Germantown, Tenn.

ENRIGHT, Dr. Patrick D., '76, M.A. '88
12/04/2012, Tahlequah, Okla.

MCCANE, William N., '76
6/26/2013, Miami, Fla.

O'NEAL, Jeffery K., '76, M.S. '95
5/17/2013, Davis, Calif.

ROBINSON, JR., Walter G., Ph.D. '76
7/31/13, Wentzville, Mo.

ESTOCK, Mark A., '77
6/12/2013, Auburn, Ill.

CONLIN, Dr. John M., '78, M.S. '80
11/06/2012, Williams Bay, Wisc.

FAHLBERG, Mark R., '78
6/24/2013, Anna, Ill.

HOLLIS, Ralph L., M.S. '78
10/09/2012, Alameda, Calif.

HORTON, Dalton W., '78
6/03/2013, Anderson, S.C.

EDWARDS-YANCEY, Mary L., '79
6/23/2013, Carbondale, Ill.

MCHONE, Sherry E., '80
7/21/2013, Stevens Point, Wisc.

EDWARDS, Maj. Harry L., USAF (Ret.), '81
6/17/2013, Wichita Falls, Texas

MAYBERRY-MILES, Cherise, '81
6/16/2013, Homewood, Ill.

CALHOUN, Eric C., '82, J.D., '99
5/22/2013, Effingham, Ill.

VARIS, Bob, M.S.Ed. '83
7/10/2013, West Frankfort, Ill.

WOODCOCK, Clara I., '84
5/30/2013, Summerville, S.C.

ZELNIS, JR., Joseph, '84
1/24/2013, White Lake, Mich.

JOHNSTON, George D., '85,
6/05/2013, Portage, Mich.

NESS, Peter J., '86
4/29/2013, Hampden, Maine

IVES, Susan J., '87, M.S. '89
5/20/2012, Athens, Ala.

ZIMMERMAN, Bonita, '87
6/26/2013, Coulterville, Ill.

SHAYMAN, William S., '88
6/23/2013, Chula Vista, Calif.

GRIZZLE, Cynthia K., '90, M.B.A. '93
11/07/2012, Gulfport, Miss.

PEACOCK, Donna C., '90
7/14/2013, Mount Vernon, Ill.

JAMES, Thomas W., '92
6/20/2013, Urbana, Ill.

KARNER, Mark, '92
6/24/2013, Chicago, Ill.

WYATT, Michael D., '92
7/02/2013, West Frankfort, Ill.

AREHART, James R., '95
10/31/2012, Mineral Springs, Ark.

COLLINS, Kara A., '95
5/31/2013, Monrovia, Calif.

NITZSCHE, Christine N., '96
7/27/2013, Ellis Grove, Ill.

PERKOFF, Jeffrey D., '97
7/21/2013, Carbondale, Ill.

KUEKER, Carol A., '98
7/29/2013, Steeleville, Ill.

SAUERWEIN, Melissa M., '98
7/18/2013, Steeleville, Ill.

BELANGER, Elaine M., '01
6/23/2013, Zion, Ill.

BRADY, Edward N., Ph.D. '02
7/07/2013, Belleville, Ill.

KIMMEL, Kevin L., '02, '05
5/28/2013, Carbondale, Ill.

WEITZ, Albert J., Ph.D. '02
6/26/2013, Kirksville, Mo.

ALSTON, Denise P., '03
5/23/2013, Jacksonville, Fla.

AMELIO, JR., Richard L., '10
5/17/2013, Villa Park, Ill.

Faculty/Staff

ASHLINE, Nelson F.,
Emeritus, Executive Assistant
Office of the President
6/24/2013, Springfield, Ill.

EDDLEMAN, E. Jacquie, '58, Ph.D. '70
Emerita, Associate Professor
Curriculum and Instruction
8/02/2013, Dongola, Ill.

ELLISON, Helen Yearby, M.S. Ed. '71
Assistant Director, University Housing
6/18/2013, Hollywood, Fla.

LERCH, Harold H. "Fuzzy," '52, M.S.Ed. '56
Associate Professor, Elementary Education & Mathematics
5/24/2013, Ashley, Ill.

POPPEN, LiMing R., '78, Ph.D. '89
Emerita, Computer Info Specialists
College of Science
6/03/2013, St. Louis, Mo.

REDMOND, Gary M., '68
Instructor, Vocational/Technical Institute
7/15/2013, Apache Junction, Ariz.

VENERABLE, Wilbur R., Ph.D. '64
Instructor/Registrar, Counseling and Testing
7/26/2013, Bloomington, Ill.

THROGMORTON, Nancy Jane, EX '45
Emerita, Transcribing Secretary/Security Office
6/26/2013, Alto Pass, Ill.

For countless people who worked with Elena Sliepceвич, words such as visionary, leader, and mentor are used to describe her impact on their lives.



SIU Carbondale Pays Tribute To Renowned Educator

Contributions of a woman nationally respected as one of the nation's leading health educators are being celebrated in the Elena M. Sliepcevich Centre for Health Education Studies at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

The Centre pays tribute to the vision and professional contributions of Dr. Elena Sliepcevich, professor in the Department of Health Education and the School of Medicine at SIU from 1973 until her retirement in 1992. A \$90,000 estate gift to the University from Elena's sister, Natalie, through the SIU Foundation provided support for activities in recognition of "Dr. S." and other key leaders in health education.

Visionary. Leader. Advisor. Mentor. Friend. Each of these terms is often associated with Sliepcevich, who died in 2008.

"We developed this concept of a center to honor Elena for her leadership within our department and campus and contributions on a national level," says **Judy Drolet**, a fellow health education professor, close friend, and life member of the SIU Alumni Association. "Her sister felt this was an appropriate tribute as well as others who made contributions, too."

"Elena was known as a visionary throughout the country and was a creative problem-solver who never saw a barrier. She always found a way to accomplish her objectives and modeled high standards and promoted excellence in her profession and all with whom she interacted. Her life's work was always focused on growth and success of students."

A True Teacher

Elaine Vitello Ph. D. '77 chose to pursue her doctorate at Southern Illinois University so she could study under Sliepcevich. She left Ohio State University, where she was a candidate for tenure, to take advantage of a special opportunity in Carbondale.

"Elena was an unbelievably approachable faculty member who was a true teacher," says Vitello, who subsequently enjoyed a successful career at Southern that included serving as Dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts. "She had a little Aristotle in her because she asked a lot of questions. I was assigned to co-teach

some courses with Elena because I was familiar with her techniques and strategies. The success her students attained after graduation went beyond their own expectations, and she is without question one of the most outstanding faculty members I ever had."

Sliepcevich's life work is showcased in the Centre, which is highlighted by her contributions to the landmark School Health Education Study and her personal memorabilia. Also, a select group of influential health educators who joined her in establishing and expanding the health education discipline are recognized. Five decades of materials related to these leaders are included in the Centre at the Special Collections Research Center of SIU's Morris Library. Future Centre activities will be consistent with the standards of Sliepcevich.

Sliepcevich perhaps offered her greatest impact while directing the national School Health Education Study (SHES), considered the most comprehensive curriculum development project in the history of the profession. From 1961 to 1972, she led a creative, visionary, elite corps of scholars from prestigious institutions nationwide in developing curriculum that continues to have implications in the field.

After more than 40 years of advances in education, health, medicine, and science, the systematic approach and 10 conceptual areas identified by individuals who participated in this landmark study remain the foundation for most health education curricula. Its comprehensive process offers a prototype for other disciplines.

"Elena was the dynamic leader of an ultimate 'think tank' that addressed national concerns for creating a 'health-educated' public," Drolet says. "They were a unique group of highly regarded and respected people willing to invest their own time, energy, money,

and expertise.

Their work had a long-term impact on health instruction," Drolet says.

Drolet says they became immediate friends when she moved to Carbondale from San Francisco. Sliepcevich had moved from Washington, D.C. herself and wanted to ensure a smooth transition for her colleague.

"Elena always felt that on-campus visibility for



Elena Sliepcevich with fellow members of the School Health Education Study writing group. Back row, from left: Gus Dalis, Dick Means, Bill Creswell, and Bob Russell. Front row: Marion Pollock, Sliepcevich, and Ann Nolte. Not pictured is Edward Johns.

Research Fellows Selected

Brandye Nobiling, Ph.D.'08, assistant professor and program director of health education at Salisbury University, and Adrian Lyde, Ph.D.'10, assistant professor of health education at Illinois State University, were selected as the inaugural Sliepceвич Historical Research Fellows. The fellowship presents recipients with an opportunity to address the

need for historical research and make connections between the work of Sliepceвич, the landmark School Health Education Study (SHES) that she directed, and contemporary health education issues.

Nobiling and Lyde, who both received a \$5,000 stipend, were on campus in July to initiate planning for focus of and conduct data collection for professional manuscripts/conference presentations. They both earned their doctorates at SIU Carbondale and are former graduate teaching and research assistants in the University's Health Education Department.



Nobiling (left) and Lyde are the first Sliepceвич Historical Research Fellows.

the program was as important as national recognition. Her prominence at SIU offered a strong, positive image for our department and model for her students and colleagues. I learned a lot about my career (and southern Illinois) from her, in addition to traditional university emphasis on teaching, research, and service."

Drolet credits the late Don Boydston, legendary SIU athletics director and former chair of the Health Education Department. She says he recruited Sliepceвич and other renowned health educators to Carbondale, pointing out that "SIU was the mothership for health education because we had extraordinary people training students who became future leaders."

Coming To Carbondale

SIU Vice President for Academic Affairs **Paul Sarvela** agrees with Drolet's assessment. He was recruited by Sliepceвич and Vitello to SIU from Ford Aerospace in Baltimore. Sarvela met both

professors at an American Public Health Association international conference in 1985, and they informed him that the University had an opening in the Health Education Department.

"Elena was a true leader and helped SIU develop one of the best health education programs in the nation," says Sarvela, who is completing his 27th year on campus. "Students came from all over the world to study here. Elena was so rigorous and thorough with each student."

Ella Lacey '64, M.S.' 72, Ph. D. '79 was advised by Sliepceвич as she pursued her doctorate of philosophy. Like Vitello, she co-taught some courses with her mentor.

"Elena really was a phenomenal person with a magnetic personality that was only exceeded by outstanding intellectuality," says Lacey, who retired from Southern in 1994. "She was up to date on a variety of fields and had a unique ability to motivate and inspire her students."

"We considered Elena as the standard

of who we wanted to be as human beings. You wanted to do it the right way because that's what she wanted. She was a superb team member, and it was a delight to work with someone who made you dig deep within yourself to reach high expectations on a daily basis."

The Centre is accessible online: <http://elenamscstr.ehs.siu.edu/index.html>. Visitors also are encouraged to contribute to an archive/collection of personal and professional stories being compiled on the site.

Private funding is necessary to expand future activities for the Centre. Contributions can be made through the SIU Foundation online at <http://www.siu.f.org/making-a-gift/give-online/>, or donations can be address to the Foundation with "The Elena M. Sliepceвич Centre for Health Education Studies" written on the "memo" line. If you have questions, contact Drolet at jdrolet@siu.edu or 618-453-2777. You can also send personal stories and/or recollections via e-mail to: ElenaCentre.Stories@siu.edu.



Sliepceвич received her Doctorate from Springfield College in 1955.

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The First Line Of Defense

The son of a World War II Army veteran and an avid reader of history, **James Dillard '77, M.A. '78**, early in life developed a sense of adventure and a wanderlust that eventually would take him to 30 countries through the course of a professional intelligence career spanning four decades.

During tours of duty with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the U.S. Air Force, and the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), he learned that intelligence officers – producing timely analysis and keen insights for senior leaders, collecting information via imagery and signals intelligence platforms to reveal the intentions and capabilities of adversaries, and conducting covert action to achieve U.S. national security objectives – are the nation's first line of defense.

Mission-oriented and responsive to dynamic global events, this retired Air Force lieutenant colonel has been, at various times, a soldier, scholar, spy, and educator.

"I see the world and its people as a mosaic of interconnected pieces of an intelligence puzzle, demanding our intelligence community make some sense out of the apparent chaos," the SIU graduate says. Having served in command and staff assignments all over the world, he has been part of major combat operations in the Persian Gulf and Afghanistan and a professor at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and the National Intelligence University (NIU) in Washington, D.C.

Bridging the divide between operational intelligence and graduate studies in strategic intelligence, he sees his role as an educator and international rela-



James Dillard

tions scholar in educating global citizens for the world and preparing intelligence professionals from the military and a dozen civilian agencies for advancement in the ranks in war and peace.

"One of the features of an intelligence career I cherish most is the ability to work in so many different operational environments," Dillard notes.

"Remaining flexible, responsive, and calm in a crisis is essential in accomplishing our complex missions 24/7." Building on his 30 years of intelligence experience, he now teaches the next generation of intelligence professionals about key global drivers such as geopolitics, geo strategy, cultural intelligence, international economics, and trade. In addition to his classroom teaching, he mentors thesis students pursuing a master's degree. Their research encompasses

such important topics as counter-intelligence, cyber threats, Middle East and Asian studies, counter-narcotics, and biological weapons.

In addition to his two SIU degrees, he has pursued graduate degrees at Syracuse University and the University of Maryland. A native of Herrin, Ill., Dillard was attracted to the energy and vitality of working for the CIA in the Washington, D.C. area and has networked in the United States and abroad with dozens of federal agencies and defense contractors and thousands of military and civilian intelligence officers.

"While I was working with B-52 and B-1 aircrews and commanding an intelligence squadron at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia and coordinating with NATO colleagues on coalition warfare tactics, techniques, and procedures, I always had my sights on a university teaching career," Dillard explains. "Landing a teaching post with the Department of History at the Air Force Academy on a special duty assignment in 1992 opened a lot of doors. It made it much easier for me to secure a permanent faculty position at NIU in 2006." Dillard has been honored as Faculty Member of the Year at both the Air Force Academy (1995) and NIU (2009).

A scholar in his own right who has authored books and numerous journal articles since 1989, Dillard likes to keep abreast of ongoing research at SIU Carbondale. "Global analytical methodologies are not only about developing knowledge of the world around us – our environment, diverse language groups, and dynamic cultures – it is also about learning about our fellow travelers in places such as Thailand, Brazil, Italy, and

China. It is a transnational spirit of inquiry and action."

Dillard will be coming back to southern Illinois this fall for his 40th high school class reunion, and it will be a special moment for the career intelligence officer. He is reflective in thinking back on quiet days in a small Midwestern town.

"In many ways, my visit to Herrin this October will bring me full circle: back to SIU, back to my high school classmates, and back to the town in which I was raised. If I've learned anything in 58 years of living, it's that the world is a big place, but the distance between any two points is only as daunting as you make it. Let your imagination and your desire for new adventures shrink the world before your eyes, and you will see magic!" ■

Matt Baughman Named Assistant To The Chancellor



Matt Baughman

Matt Baughman M.B.A. '97, formerly the associate director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, has been named as Assistant to the Chancellor. Baughman, who had worked at the Institute for 15 years, had been responsible for the day-to-day activities and management of the office. Among his many accomplishments has been the creation of three internships that provide students with important experience in the public policy arena

"We had a strong field of internal candidates for this position," says SIU Carbondale Chancellor Rita Cheng. "Matt brings a collaborative approach, outstanding problem-solving abilities, and a commitment to our students and communities

to the position. I look forward to his many contributions in this important role."

Baughman was also chosen this summer as a 2013 Edgar Fellow. He is one of 41 Illinois elected and appointed officials, and business and community leaders to be part of an initiative to foster cooperation across regional, political and ethnic lines to address the state's future challenges. The program is part of the Institute of Government and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois and under the stewardship of former Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar.

"It's an honor to be selected to participate in the Edgar Fellows program. I have the highest respect for Gov. Edgar and was fortunate to have had the opportunity to start my career working for him and his outstanding staff," Baughman says. "I believe in the mission of the governor's initiative to bring together a diverse group of leaders to create strong personal relationships despite our partisan, ethnic and regional differences." ■

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SIU Alumni Summer Baseball Tour

Summer is time for America's favorite pastime, and as always, the SIU Alumni Association offered plenty of opportunities to enjoy America's pastime. With the help of various local chapters, the Association hosted nine alumni gatherings at baseball venues throughout the United States. This season featured the Chicago Cubs, Chicago White Sox, St. Louis Cardinals, Houston Astros, Minnesota Twins, Colorado Rockies, Kane County Cougars (Chicagoland minor league), Round Rock Express (Austin area minor league), and Frisco Rough Riders (Dallas area minor league). More than 1,100 alumni attended in total and enjoyed the chance to be with fellow Salukis. A special thank you goes to the Chicago, St. Louis, Houston, Dallas-Ft. Worth, Austin-San Antonio, Minnesota, and Colorado chapters for their help in coordinating and promoting their local events.



Minneapolis Salukis



Houston Salukis



Austin-San Antonio Salukis

Dallas Salukis

14th Annual Greater Michigan Alumni Picnic

The Greater Michigan Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted more than 50 alumni and friends to a picnic at Stony Creek Metro Park. Chapter representatives grilled up a feast which included barbecue pulled pork, brats, and all the sides. SIU Automotive Technology Chairman Mike Behrmann, was the special guest and gave a short presentation. Associate Director of Institutional Advancement Kevin Lister, and former SIU Automotive Technology

Chairman Jack Greer also made guest appearances. Chapters leaders Dale Hall, Kent Wilson, Chad O'Brien, Kevin Burger, and Christopher Keeney helped coordinate the event.



New York City Alumni Brunch

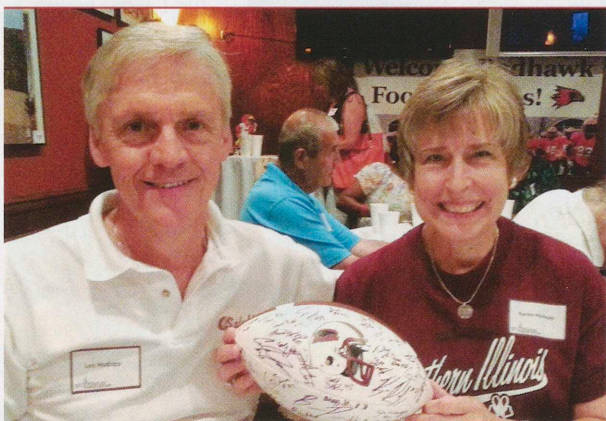
The New York City Alumni Club of the SIU Alumni Association hosted 15 alumni and students to a brunch at Market Diner. After enjoying a delicious meal and the company of fellow alumni, several Salukis took the opportunity to explore Hell's Kitchen, an eclectic neighborhood in Manhattan. Zlatko Filipovic coordinated the event.



From left: Michael Max Berman, Demario Smith, Marcus Odom, Carol Burns, Zlatko Filipovic, Dylan Thompson, Aiesha Alia Dukes, Dalit (Bobby) Arkarath, and Wanning Li.

SIU-SEMO Joint Social

The St. Louis Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted more than 100 alumni and friends at a joint social at Mike Duffy's Pub & Grill in Kirkwood, Mo., with Southern Illinois University and Southeast Missouri State alumni. Both schools'



Karen and Leo Hodapp won an autographed SIU football.

alumni gathered to celebrate the football game being played at Busch Stadium on Sept. 21. Guest Speakers included SEMO Director of Athletics Mark Alnutt and SIU Assistant Athletic Director Steve Sowers. Free football tee-shirts were handed out to all Salukis, and a football autographed by the entire SIU team was raffled off. Michelle Suarez and Zachary Sapienza attended the event on behalf of the SIU Alumni Association.

4th Annual SIU Alumni Day At The Dome Fundraiser

Please join fellow alumni for a day of fun, football, and fundraising when the St. Louis Rams welcome the Tennessee Titans for an NFL game on Nov. 3 at the Edwards Jones Dome. The kickoff will be at noon, and there will be an optional pregame gathering starting at 10 a.m. at the Stadium Sports Bar and Grill at the Lumiere Casino across from the dome.

Cost of the event is \$50 per person, which includes a terrace level ticket to the game, a \$10 donation to the St. Louis Alumni Chapter Scholarship Fund, and a \$10 food and beverage voucher you can use at the game. SIU Alumni Association members in attendance will receive a free gift.

Go to www.sialumni.com/events or call the Association office at 618-453-2408 to attend. Please reserve your tickets by Oct. 14.

More than 12,000 alumni reside in the St. Louis and Metro-East Area. To meet fellow SIU alumni and participate in future activities, please contact Aimee Snavelly, Leslie Patterson, or Anna Vani at stlsalukis@alumni.siu.edu or visit <http://www.sialumni.com/stlsalukis>.



Science Alumni ... Mark Your Calendar

The SIU College of Science will celebrate its 40th Anniversary on April 6, 2014. More information coming soon.

Contact A Chapter Or Club

Want to know more about an SIU Alumni Association chapter or club event near you? Contact the Association at 618-453-2408 for more information, or go to www.sialumni.com/chapters to contact a chapter or club leader near you.

Alumni Enjoy BAG Reunion

The 13th biennial Black Alumni Group (BAG) Reunion was held recently at SIU, as more than 300 alumni, friends, and students attended various activities. Held in odd-numbered years, BAG hosts the reunion on the third weekend in July. Social, educational, and athletic events are scheduled during the reunion weekend, as well as a business meeting and the election of officers. The

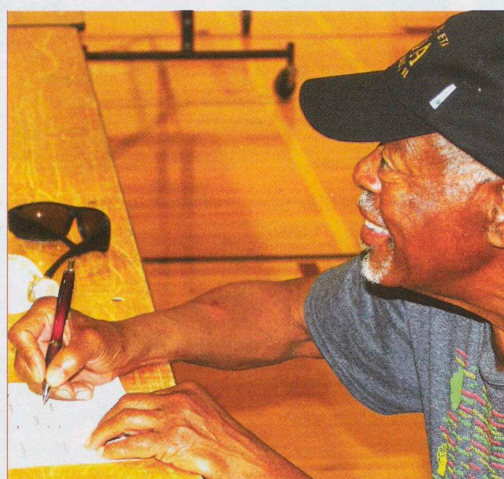
theme for this year's event was "Familiar Faces In Familiar Places."

The reunion is planned by an alumni volunteer committee with the support of the SIU Alumni Association. This year, 25 current SIU students assisted the planning committee.

A first-ever campus dialog workshop and reception was held to bring BAG members and SIU's administration

together to discuss important issues at the University. It was also announced that \$12,500 in scholarships has been awarded by the group since its previous reunion.

Officers for 2013-2015 were elected, with Timothy Tyler serving as the group's president. Others chosen were Richard Gardner (1st vice president), Kevin Winstead (2nd vice president), C. Lynn White (treasurer), and Finola Burrell (secretary).



Preston Jackson To Honor Miles Davis With Statue

In Alton, Ill., Preston Jackson '69 recently unveiled his plans for a tribute to legendary jazz musician Miles Davis. The public got a firsthand look at an artist's renderings of the proposed statue at a recent downtown block party. The statue will be placed on West Third Street in the historic entertainment district of Alton, and the plans depict Davis and his trumpet in an iconic pose.

Jackson, 69, is familiar with creating public sculpture. Trained in metal fabrication and painting, his art is in cities around Illinois, Connecticut, and South Carolina. "I don't consider myself a trained artist. I put intuitiveness before institutional learning. I have a natural love for the arts," he says.

A jazz musician himself, Jackson knew Davis from the Blackstone Club on the south side of Chicago. Jackson was 26 at the time and played jazz guitar. "I didn't know Miles Davis personally, but we all followed him. He was like a rock star. I learned to be cool from him. I knew the notes to keep quiet."

Jackson attended SIU in the late '60s when he led his band, Preston Jackson and the Rhythm Aces. "My music will greatly inform my art. There is no sepa-

ration," Jackson says. "Miles has always been a serious performer, so the focus for him will be the hands, arms, and face." From there, Jackson will make an oil-based clay mold that later will be reproduced in wax, taken to a foundry and covered with silicon sand, creating a

music, who he was, and how people can get involved," says Karen Wilson, one of the MDMP committee members. "The second DVD will be of the process of making the statue." Set on a short pedestal, the statue will be slightly larger than lifesize.



Preston Jackson acknowledges the crowd in Alton after being introduced at an event regarding the Miles Davis Memorial Project. Photo by James Ritter, *Alton Telegraph*.

strong shell. The wax will be melted and bronze poured into the mold.

The creation of the statue will be documented on a DVD, one of two created by videographer Bart Elfrink of Alton. "The first will be promotional, with a narrator to speak of Miles Davis, his

Architect Barry Moyer envisioned the site to look like a music staff, and the statue's pedestal is part of a musical note. Landscaping and a limestone wall will blend into the statue's surroundings. May 26, 2014, is the scheduled date of completion for the project.

Alumni listed in **maroon** are SIU Alumni Association members.

1960s

Dwain Herndon '62 recently published his first novel, *Beyond the Next Hill*, using



Murray and Calloway counties in Kentucky as the backdrop. The novel's main character, Tyler Bracken, a teenage runaway, returns home 20 years later, perhaps more troubled than before.

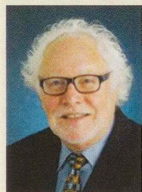
Ivan Goldman '65 has published *Sick Justice: Inside the American Gulag* with Potomac Books. It explores the forces that have hijacked the criminal



justice system to incarcerate some 2.3 million Americans – a population the size of

Houston, Texas. His articles have appeared in the *Columbia Journalism Review*, *The Nation*, *Rolling Stone*, and the *New York Times*, and he blogs about current events at www.ivangoldman.blogspot.com. He lives in Rancho Palos Verdes, California.

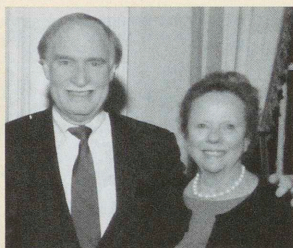
James Pettigrew '67 has received the American Society of Animal Science (ASAS) Fellow Award for his research accomplishments at the ASAS National Awards Program. He has pioneered how swine nutrition



affects the reproductive system of sows. Pettigrew has 37 years of experience studying how different feed ingredients affect swine health and resistance to disease.

Casey Kemper '69 is a 2013 recipient of the Norman

Vincent Peale Award for Positive Thinking. This award, presented by the Blanton-Peale Institute and Counseling Center, honors individuals whose lives clearly exemplify the power of thinking positively, with faith, deep caring for people, and dedicated commitment to improving our world. Kemper is currently the executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Collegiate Church Corporation, and president and CEO of



Collegiate Asset Management. He is past president of Habitat for Humanity of Westchester and served for many years as an executive officer of SHORE (Sheltering the Homeless is our Responsibility.) He and his wife, Mary, live in New York City and Brewster, Mass.

1970s

Tom Blomquist '72 has received tenure in the Department of Film and Electronic Arts at California



State University, Long Beach. An award-winning writer, producer, and director in film and television, Blomquist previously served as an adjunct lecturer at the American Film Institute Conservatory, University of Southern California, and Chapman University. He is also the co-author (with Maria Viera, Ph.D.) of *Eye of the Storm: Directing for Film, Television & Emerging Media*, and director of *Whoa!*, a comedy pilot starring Academy Award-nominated actress Linda Blair, Emmy

SIU Graduate Wins Lotto Prize

A year ago, *Southern Alumni* featured a story on **Steve Rishel A.A.'73, '74**, who helped rescue a family whose boat capsized on the Ohio River. A retired SIU policeman, he was presented with a life-saving award by the Illinois Police Association.

One year later, the De Soto, Ill., resident has won \$750,000 in the Illinois Lottery. He won the jackpot prize in the July 19 Lucky Day Lotto evening drawing, playing the same two sets of numbers that he has used for years.

He was at the store the next day when he checked his tickets and discovered that the numbers on his Quick Pick ticket perfectly matched the winning numbers – 21, 22, 23, 25, 33 – to win the jackpot prize.

Rishel retired after 25 years of service at SIU and has lived in De Soto for more than 40 years. He plans to share the windfall with his son, daughter, and five grandchildren. He also plans to pay off his mortgage and buy a new fishing boat.



Award-winning actor Leslie Jordan, and Streamy Award winner Mark Gantt for Richter Scale Media.

David Atchison, J.D. '76 has been named to the 13-member Board of Trustees and was elected vice chair of the new health system in suburban Chicago created by the merger of Edward Hospital & Health Services and Elmhurst Memorial Healthcare. Atchison is president and CEO for Chicago-based Pounder & Co. He has been a member of the Elmhurst Memorial Healthcare Board of Governors since 1987.



He also served as a member of the Elmhurst Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees and was the former chairman of the Board of Trustees of Elmhurst Memorial Healthcare.

Carl Pinkert '77 M.S. has been named vice president for research at the University of Alabama. Pinkert was previously with Auburn University, where he had served as associate vice president for research since 2009. He was named a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 2011. "Pinkert brings a wealth of experience to the position



based on his personal research achievement and his record of leadership in academic research administration," says UA President Judy Bonner.

1980s

Paul McGraw '80 has been named VP for Operations and Safety by Airlines for America (A4A), the industry trade organization for the leading U.S. airlines. He joined A4A in 1986 and will oversee A4A's Safety, Operations, Air Traffic Management and Engineering, Maintenance and Materiel departments.

Chainsaw artist **Bud Hainzinger '81** of Morris, Ill., creates a new life for dead trees with the skillful touch of



his tools. He started carving at age 9 and took some art classes at

Southern. He described himself in earlier years as a purist who would work only with chisels. Then, more than 20 years ago, he started doing artistic work with the chainsaws he had been using regularly in maintenance. A Bourbonnais native and graduate of SIU's forestry program, he has been the ranger at the 700-acre Rainbow Council Boy Scout Camp at Morris for 32 years.

Mark Weller '81, M.S. '84 has been named executive director of Warner Parks, 3,132 acres of forest and field, nine miles from downtown Nashville, Tenn. He has served as the executive director of YMCA's Camp Widjiwagan in the Nashville area since its founding in 1997. His experience with leadership and development and his passion for promoting healthy recreation in our community make him a natural fit for the position.

Paul Stutzman M.S. '83 has received an Award of Merit from the American Society for

Testing and Materials International Committee C01 on Cement. He is a physical scientist at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, Md. The Award of Merit and its accompanying title of fellow is ASTM's highest organizational recognition for individual contributions to standards activities.

Kevin Lightfoot '86 recently celebrated 15 years of service with Hanson Professional Services Inc

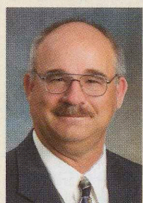


Springfield, Ill., as electrical engineer, serving the aviation market. He has worked on projects for a

variety of facilities, designing airfield lighting and navigational aids, hangars, telecommunications facilities, railroads, pump stations, standby/emergency power, motor control, lightning protection, and grounding.

Patrick O'Mara '86 has helped thousands of corporate employees and college students alike in his public speaking development courses. And now those principles have been incorporated in his new book, *Developing the Talented Public Speaker in You*. O'Mara has taken a unique approach by applying a person's talents to strategies and techniques that will help them deliver better presentations.

Kevin Murdock '87, resident project representative, recently celebrated 25 years of service at Hanson Professional



Services Inc. in Springfield, Ill. Murdock joined the company in 1988 and serves the firm's aviation

market. His responsibilities include providing oversight for pavement overlays, new construction on asphalt/concrete

pavements, and the design/installation of airport lighting systems.

Linette Baker '88 has been appointed as the associate director at the W.G. (Bill) Hefner VA Medical Center in Salisbury, N.C. Baker recently served as the chief of human resources service at the VA San Diego Healthcare System. Prior to her assignment in San Diego, Baker served in several roles at the Carl T. Hayden VA Medical Center in Phoenix, Ariz., from 2004 to 2009, culminating in her selection as the assistant chief, health administration service, in 2008.

1990s

Dr. Tom Lessaris '91 M.D. is developing Brix Wood Fired Pizza locations in the Champaign and Indianapolis areas. Lessaris, a physician in Charlotte, N.C., whose roots are in the Champaign-Urbana area, says he has identified a good location for Brix in Champaign, but the Indianapolis location is uncertain. Brix has 21 restaurants in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee.

An article in the *State Journal-Register* recently featured **Kevin Veara '91 M.F.A.** Some know him as a bird



watcher; others recognize him as a trail biker. Or you may know his art. Some of it may be standing right next to you. For 20 years, Veara has been a tattoo artist. His shop, Black Moon Tattoos, can be found just off MacArthur Boulevard on Edwards Street in Springfield, Ill.

Nathan Bolin '92 has joined Stillman Bank in South Beloit, Ill., as vice president Commercial Lending. Bolin pri-



marily will be involved with new business development and commercial lending. He comes to Stillman Bank

with more than 20 years of experience in banking. A resident of South Beloit, Bolin is involved with a variety of community organizations.

After serving for a decade on the Wheaton (Ill.) Fire Department, **Bill Schultz '92** will take over as fire chief of the



54-person department. He started as a paid firefighter with Country Club Hills right out of high

school, despite not having any real intention of joining the fire service. He can still describe how he felt the first day he walked into the fire station as an 18-year-old. "To this day, I can remember the smells, the people, the sights," he says. "To use a strong word, it was addictive. It was like, 'whoa, this is where I want to be.'"

Michael Downs '93 was recently featured in the *News-Gazette* of Champaign-Urbana, Ill., with his sons, Jack and Charlie. The article noted it takes a village to raise a child, but it also takes doctors, educators, therapists, friends, and philanthropists. Jack was born a "micro-preemie," weighing less than two pounds. His twin, Bridget, did not survive. Jack, who is 8, has needed 11 surgeries in his short life. They are all related to his extreme prematurity. Michael is grateful that he has jobs – he's an artist, writer, and a handyman – that give him flexibility to work at home or at least in the Champaign neighborhood.

James Deanes '96, M.F.A. '99, launched *Jadnia* in April 2013. It is a strategic model of limited edition, small-batch

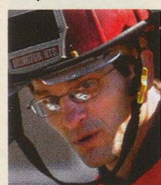
creations that enables Deanes who serves as head designer and CEO to personally cut and sew the highest quality garments for customers. The company operates out of lower Manhattan.

Former Fayette County State's Attorney **Stephen Friedel J.D. '96** has joined the law firm of Tapella & Eberspacher LLC in Charleston, Ill. Friedel practices in the area of criminal, juvenile, and family law. Prior to joining Tapella & Eberspacher, he was elected and served three terms as Fayette County state's attorney from 2000 through 2012.

Sean Lusk '96 is a registered commodity broker and director of the Commercial Hedging Division of Walsh Trading in Chicago. Lusk started as a runner on the trading floor during summer breaks from college. Upon graduation from SIU, he began his career on the trading floor of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. He writes daily and weekly commentaries focusing on both the precious metals and agricultural markets along with related market activity.

Cari Wallace '97 was recently awarded a travel grant from Fund For Teachers to pursue a fellowship project in Accra, Ghana. Fund For Teachers, a national nonprofit, awarded 463 educators from across the country \$1.8 million in grants to pursue self-designed learning adventures. She currently teaches science at the NYC iSchool, a public high school in lower Manhattan.

Perry Howard '98 has been hired as the first full-time chief of the Burlington (Wis.) Fire Department after an extensive



search. Howard will take over a department with approximately 47 volunteers and four paid fire personnel, including

three engineers and a fire inspector.

Major Timothy Voruz '98 has taken command of the 1st Special Operations Logistics Readiness Squadron. The 1st SOLRS is comprised of eight flights providing support to the 1st Special Operations Wing and associate units by meeting a full spectrum of logistic needs through the supply of material and fuels, expert management, and maintenance of the vehicle fleet and more.

George Rimbo '99, recently took the reins of the Lemont (Ill.) Fire Protection District. Rimbo started with the Lemont



Fire Protection District in April 1988 as an on-call firefighter, and was promoted to a full-time position the next year. He became a lieutenant in 1993 and a battalion chief in 2009. His grandfather served as a district lieutenant in the 1950s, and his father has served on the board for 11 years. They also believe George's great-grandfather was a volunteer firefighter before any formal records were kept.

2000s

Kevin Daugherty '00 has been named the new manager of the Brooksville-Tampa Bay (Fla.) Regional Airport. Daugherty was previously manager of the Frederick Municipal Airport in Maryland, a post he's held since 2007. "This generates revenue opportunities and strengthens the airport as a self-sustaining entity, as well as supporting the local tax base," Daugherty says.

Laura Beasley J.D. '01, a partner at Joley, Nussbaumer, Oliver, Dickerson & Beasley, P.C. in Belleville, Ill. has been elect-

ed to a three-year term on the board of directors of the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel (IDC) at the organization's 49th Annual Meeting. Beasley focuses her practice in the area of insurance defense, construction litigation, products liability, and general civil litigation.

Phoebe Bowers '03 has been named a partner with the Decatur, Ill., law firm of Fuller & Quigg, which has prompted a change in the name of the firm to Fuller, Quigg & Bowers. She joined the firm in 2009 as an associate attorney. She practices in the areas of family law, guardianships and adoptions, probate, and estate planning.

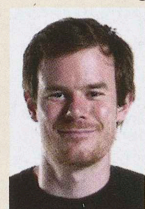
A stand-out in Los Angeles hip-hop collective Project Blowed for almost a decade, **Michael Eagle '03** aka "Open Mic Eagle" has spent the past nine years rapping and grinding hard. He's become the "it" indie-rapper of 2013. He also released his new EP *Sir Rockabye*, available on a floppy disc CD. While in school at SIU Eagle lost a rap battle to come-



dian Hannibal Buress, recalling, "We were having a battle out by the dorms and he just got me. I remember talking about how he was pigeon-toed but that made me laugh more than it made the crowd laugh."

Small start-up public charter school Key West (Fla.) Collegiate Academy has hired **Cory Oliver '03** to serve as the Stock-Island alternative high school's principal. He's relocating from a job serving as teacher and administrator at Somerset Academy in Broward County. Charter school management company Academica runs Somerset, Collegiate, and about 60 other schools in South Florida.

Joe Swanberg '03 directed *Drinking Buddies*, a deftly produced romantic comedy that, after his 14 flagrantly noncom-



mercial features, showcases stars like Olivia Wilde and Anna Kendrick. The film's main characters are Luke and Kate, co-workers at a Chicago brewery, where they spend their days drinking and flirting.

Katie Osterbur '05, Peer Court's program coordinator, is the organization's executive director. Established in 1993, Peer Court is a court diversion and accountability program for youth offenders, ages 10-18, who have admitted their guilt or participation in offenses such as breaking curfew, littering, possession of drugs or alcohol, criminal damage to property, burglary, unlawful use of a weapon, and assault. A Danville native, she graduated from Schlarman High School in 2002.

Tyler Robinson '06, J.D. '10, has joined the Springfield, Ill., law office of Heyl Royster. Robinson represents physi-



cians, nurses, hospitals, long-term care facilities, and other healthcare organizations in defense of medical malpractice claims. He also assists healthcare organizations with regulatory and business issues.

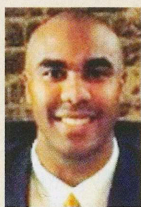
Dr. Sheena Gibson '07 M.D. '12, has been named as Shawnee Community College's alumna of the year. She is a



native of Villa Ridge, Ill., who graduated from Meridian High School at Mounds and attended Shawnee

Community College. Gibson is completing her residency in family medicine at the University of Illinois at Peoria College of Medicine in Peoria.

Marlon Heaston '07 has been appointed assistant principal at Northwest High School in Clarksville, Tenn., for the 2013-14



school year. He was the starting safety for the Salukis, and he was on the 2004 MVC All-Academic Team. He has

served as an algebra teacher at Covington High School in Covington, Tenn., where he developed, implemented, and encouraged quantum learning and interactive algebra programs to drastically improve student achievement. He has implemented a number of innovative math support programs and has been publicly recognized for the results.

Dr. Bryan McConomy '09 has begun an internal medicine residency at the University of



Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City. He is the son of Stephen and Lois McConomy of Springfield.

His wife, Lacey, is from Springfield, and they have a 7-month old son, Gareth.

Dr. Sara Wells '09 has begun a medicine-pediatrics residency at the University of South Carolina Greenville Hospital System in Greenville. She is the daughter of Barney and Marcia Wells of Lincoln, Ill.

Brandon Svec '09 is the new director of research in the St. Louis market for Cassidy Turley, a

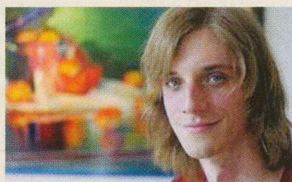


commercial real estate services company. St. Louis, with nearly 800 associates in six offices throughout

the metropolitan area, is Cassidy Turley's largest operational hub.

2010s

In this age of social media and digital imaging, **Robert Pioch '10** paints house portraits and still life in the time-honored



manner. In one water-color painting, he captures the architecture of a house built in the late 1800s. When he started working with watercolors, he says he discovered his ability to tell an entire story with his painting. He lives in Mundelein, Ill.

Dr. James Waymack '10 M.D. has joined the faculty at SIU School of Medicine as an assistant professor of emergency medicine. Waymack completed his residency in emergency medicine at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in 2013.

Letisha Leucking Orlet J.D. '11 has joined the national foreclosure defense team at Consumer Attorney Services in Jacksonville, Fla., to help more Illinois homeowners avoid losing their homes to foreclosure sales. Illinois has one of the highest percentages of foreclosure-related sales across the country, and Consumer Attorney Services hopes Orlet can help to offset this trend. Orlet's diverse work experience contributes to her well-rounded perspective in dealing with foreclosure cases.

Belinda Wheeler Ph.D. '11 has edited *A Companion to Australian Aboriginal Literature*, a



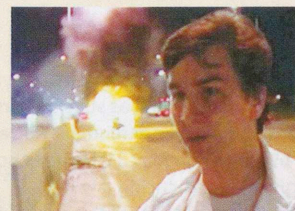
collection of 11 original essays that traces the development of Aboriginal literacy from the oral tradi-

tion until today. Australian Aboriginal literature, once rele-

gated to the margins of Australian literary studies, now receives both national and international attention. Wheeler is an assistant professor of English with Paine College in Augusta, Ga.

Following graduation **Michael Lorusso '12** has been employed throughout the Southwest. He first received a 10-week internship at the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center in Cortez, Colo., where he worked on laboratory tasks related to the Basketmakers Communities Project of early Pueblo society. This segued into a six-month internship with the National Park Service at Organ Pipe National Monument in southern Ariz., where he served as an archaeological technician.

Austin Ketelsen '12 had just seen *Fast & Furious 6* when he encountered a burning van on Interstate 290 in Elk Grove Village, Ill. Ketelsen (shown here being interviewed by a television crew) and another man helped remove pieces of a pole the woman struck from the roadway. Officials say fire engulfed the van shortly after the woman got out, and credited Ketelsen for helping her out.



"That civilian's job made it a happy ending tonight," Elk Grove Village Fire Lt. Scott Peterson says. "And we didn't have a fatality. He was successfully able to get her out of the van before it was engulfed in fire."

Neil Schonert J.D. '12 has joined the Illinois law firm of Heyl Royster after working with Illinois state government and the Illinois Innocence Project. His experience also includes working for

the United States Congress in the House of Representatives as well as working for the U.S. Department of State in Austria. During law school, he was an editor on the *Southern Illinois University Law Journal* and published an article on Dodd-Frank Act's whistleblower provisions.

Alumnus To Spend Two Years With Peace Corps

Travis Wohlrab '11 will be traveling to southern Africa for a two-year volunteer commitment with the Peace Corps. The Vernon Hills, Ill., resident looks forward to traveling 8,500 miles to help people less fortunate for the next two years through the Peace Corps. Wohlrab began to research the Peace Corps in eighth grade when his social studies teacher told him about the organization. "It's a way when you're young and able-bodied to give something back to your nation," he says.



The SIU graduate is trying to get his fill of his favorite things before he heads off. "It always struck me as a very worthwhile organization," says Wohlrab, 25, who applied last August. "I've had it good, I wanted to give something back."

"Eighty percent of the country lives on \$2 a day," he says of his destination, Lesotho. "It's important to me that people know about the plight of other people in the world."

Welch Retires As Cass County Public Defender

by Maria Nagle

After 40 years as a public servant in Cass County – first as state's attorney, judge, and then public defender – **Robert Welch '69** retired on May 31. He does not plan on giving up practicing law.

"John Endres was the public defender, and he died within a year of my retiring as



Robert Welch

judge, and I basically said I would do it for a while," Welch says. "I figured 10 years as a public defender is more than enough."

The SIU Alumni Association member says he stayed for a decade in that role because "I actually

enjoyed it. I enjoyed representing people and going to court. The other side of the coin was I wasn't ready to retire. I thought I was doing a service to the people of Cass County and at the same time I was getting a lot of experience in the courtroom as a judge."

Welch retired in July 2003 after serving 25 years as 8th Judicial Circuit Court judge. During his tenure on the court bench he

served for 10 years as chief judge of the judicial circuit.

After four decades in public service Welch will be returning solely to the private practice of law – which is where he intended to start his law career.

Welch, originally from the Chicago area, attended Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and the University of Illinois Law School. He came to Cass County in 1972 after being hired at a Beardstown law firm, but he was recruited by the Democratic Party to run for state's attorney. He won as a write-in candidate just two weeks after being notified that he had passed the bar exam.

He operates his own law firm now, in association with Nolan Lipsky, on the south side of Virginia's square.

"I enjoy being a lawyer," Welch notes. "This way I keep active. I've known too many judges, in particular, who have retired and died within one or two years. I think you have to remain active and you might as well remain active doing what you enjoy, and I enjoy practicing law."

He says his transition from judge to public defender was simple enough.

"The difference is getting used to the fact that when you walk into the courtroom nobody stands up – things like that," Welch says, chuckling. "Although, I still get treated

pretty well." As a public defender he got to learn about the lives of the defendants and understand more about from where they were coming.

"As a judge, you only see them in court," Welch says. "As a public defender and defense attorney, you get to meet them and their families and you see them more as humans being with all of their idiosyncrasies, as opposed to just seeing them in front of you in handcuffs."

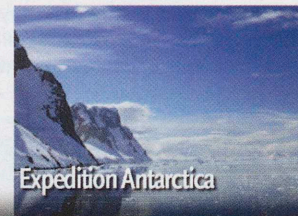
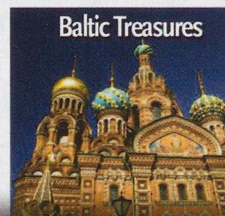
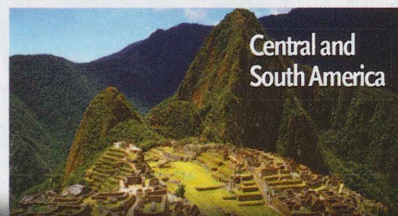
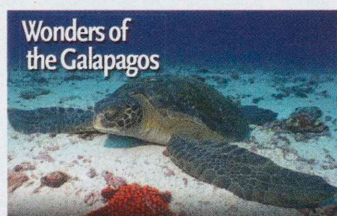
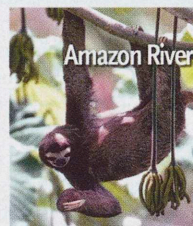
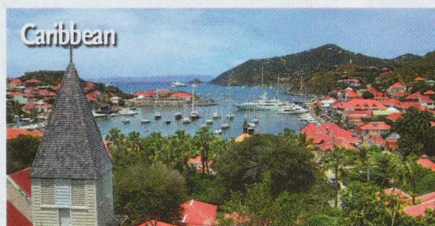
Welch says the most frustrating or aggravating thing about being a public defender is the bum rap they get, especially on TV police and crime shows.

"The TV shows all put public defenders in a bad light," he says. "They really put them down and that carries over to the public. I have had people say, 'I'm going to get a real attorney.' I tell them, 'I've only got 40 years of experience, but if you want to get a real attorney, go ahead.'"

The public defenders Welch knows "are all hardworking, well-educated, great attorneys who think they are basically on a mission to help people," he notes. "The public defenders are, in effect, the guardians of the freedom for people who don't have any money and can't afford an attorney."

– Maria Nagle is a writer for the Jacksonville Journal-Courier, where this story first appeared.

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Princeton Review Ranks SIU Among Midwest's Best

Southern Illinois University Carbondale is once again one of the best universities in the Midwest, according to *Princeton Review's* "Best of the Midwest" ranking profiles.

The University is one of 156 colleges and universities chosen by the nationally recognized education services company for its "2014 Best Colleges: Region by Region." In all, 644 schools nationwide received the designation within the Midwest, Northeast, Southeast and West regions.

The regional best lists include only 25

percent of the nation's approximately 2,500 four-year, public and not-for-profit private degree-granting institutions, chosen primarily for academic excellence.

"The fact that we have earned this recognition again tells prospective students and their families that when we say big things are within reach for our students, we are consistently delivering on that promise," Chancellor **Rita Cheng** says. "This ranking reflects the commitment of our faculty and staff to student success and academic excellence."

The online rankings, which were

posted Aug. 5, give prospective undergraduate students a glimpse into universities through various criteria, including asking students attending the schools to rate their experiences on several issues.

The Princeton Review also rates universities and colleges in several sections based on institutional data it received from colleges in 2012-13, and or student survey data. SIU achieved a score of 91 in the financial aid category, on a scale of 60 to 99. The University also scored an 87 for its "green" rating, and an 84 for both admissions selectivity and fire safety. ■

McCall

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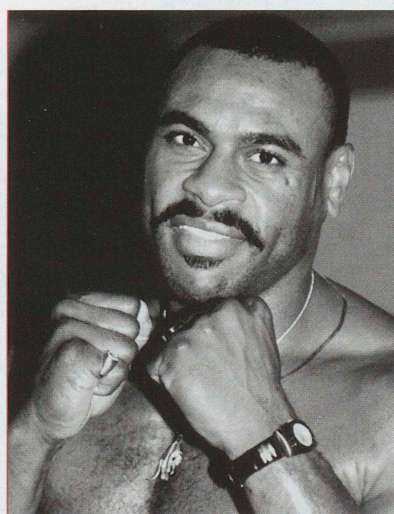
ever medal in the hammer throw in international competition with her gold medal victory.

McCall threw 73.75m (241-10) on her third attempt to seal victory – all while suffering through an abdomen injury sustained only hours earlier in the shot put (where she finished eighth overall).

She became the first American woman in history to medal in the hammer throw at any international competition, the first American woman to medal in the hammer throw on Russian soil, the first American woman ever to win the hammer throw at the World University Games, and the first American of either gender to win the hammer at the games since Ken Flax in 1991.

McCall traveled to Moscow in August for the 14th IAAF World Championships as a part of Team USA. She got into finals by a fingernail at 70.47m, but missed out on three additional attempts in the finals by five centimeters, finishing ninth at 72.65m.

"The big difference with Jeneva is that her first year out (of college) has been a tremendous year," says throw coach and trainer **John Smith '84**. "Most kids, their first year out of college is traumatic because that's when the scholarship stops. Many don't perform as well as they did in college, however she has had an extraordinary year."



Jeneva's father, Oliver "The Atomic Bull" McCall, was a heavyweight boxer best known for winning the WBC title in 1994 after scoring an upset knockout victory over Lennox Lewis.

A Surprise Performance?

"Everything Jeneva has done this year has been surprising to most people," Smith notes. "No one picked her to make that world final; no one picked her to win that gold medal at the World University Games; no one even picked her to make the world team. From my vantage point, nothing she does ever surprises me. Anytime she steps in the ring she has that kind of possibility."

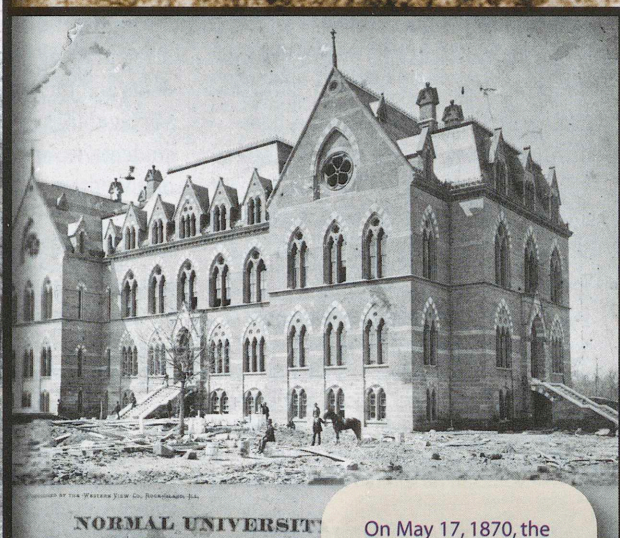
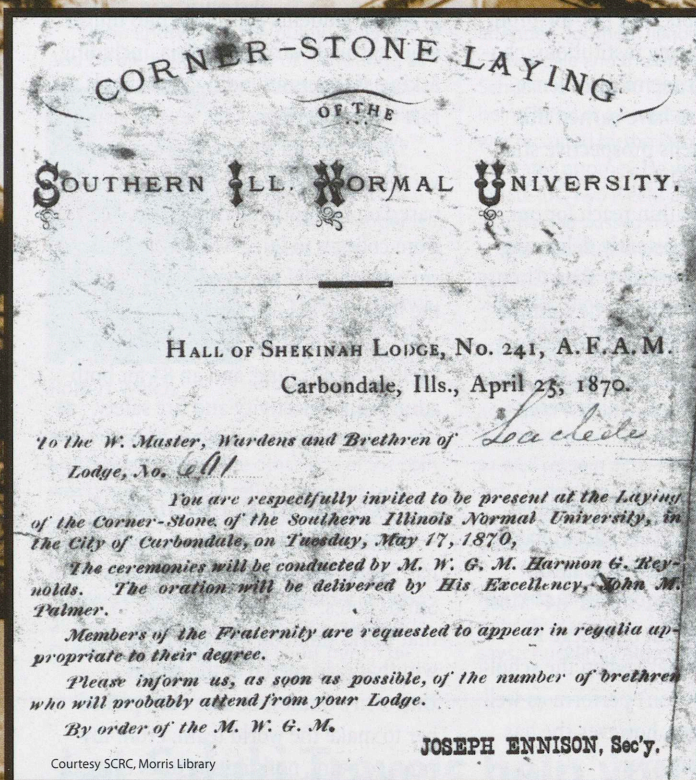
Although she graduated last year, McCall still calls Carbondale home to train. Her time as a Saluki and under Smith and head coach **Connie-Price Smith '85** has proved invaluable.

"Every second of every day counted when I was a Saluki," McCall says. "If I chose to go somewhere other than Southern Illinois University, I would not be here. Not even close."

"I had a great atmosphere at SIU with great coaches and facilities," McCall says. "I always had the mindset and attitude to compete at this level, but I didn't have the physical attributes as far as being in shape and knowing the sport as I do now. SIU and my coaches taught me that."

– Tyler Wooten '13 is a member of the SIU Media Relations staff.

A Step Back In Time



On May 17, 1870, the largest crowd yet assembled in southern Illinois gathered to install the corner-stone that was the genesis of the Normal Building and eventually Southern Illinois University. The University's first building was a grand structure of Gothic design. Completed in 1874, it succumbed to fire in 1883.



143 Years Ago...

In May 1870, Carbondale had been founded just 18 years prior with the building of the Illinois Central Railroad, and the town had been selected as the site for advancing higher education in southern Illinois with the establishment of a state university. According to the *Cairo Bulletin* of May 18th, "four acres of human beings, the largest crowd, no doubt, that ever assembled in southern Illinois, outside of Cairo," witnessed the laying of the cornerstone for Southern Illinois Normal University the day prior.

The Cairo paper further describes that day's events: "At these tables at least 5,000 people satisfied the cravings of the appetite. Over 100 animals were barbecued for this repast, and were thoroughly cooked and well seasoned.

"Shortly after 4 o'clock, the immense crowd dispersed, and at 6 o'clock the Cairo train consisting of nine cars, filled almost to suffocation, with tired, dusty human beings, sounded its whistle and started, arriving in Cairo without accident or mishap at quarter past 9."

Apparently, train travel at the time between Carbondale and Cairo required three hours.

An Interest In Community Development



Betsy Puent

A self-described
“dreamer” **Betsy**

Puent works hard to translate her dreams into reality for the benefit of the community of Alton, Ill.

“I have a genuine interest in community development; I believe there is always room for improvement in an organization,” says Puent, who has served on the YWCA of Alton’s board of directors and worked to enhance programs toward the YWCA’s mission of empowering women and eliminating racism.

“Racism and inequality, the words alone make me cringe,” she says. “I will never understand how or why they have a place in civilized

society; both are unacceptable evils, and I’ve spent a lifetime avoiding individuals who promote either. I commend the YWCA for following the important mission of eliminating such ignorance in our community.”

Puent told the *Alton Telegraph* that she enjoys the challenge of streamlining the puzzles of services, infrastructure, management, budgets and personnel. “Any project that calls for that type of evaluation is right up my alley, because I enjoy it so. Volunteering to help comes naturally,” says the mother of three. “Being a mother is my most important success.”

Moving to Grafton after the Great Flood of 1993 allowed many opportunities for Puent to put her dreams and ideas to the test. Twenty years later, the diverse projects in which she has participated include helping bringing a reliable water source to Grafton through Illinois American Water, playing a role in developing a thriving tourist industry, and assisting with the evolution of city management that is poised to accommodate growth. Along with serving on numerous volunteer boards, she is most grateful for the education and time spent on the Grafton City Council.

Puent, who enjoyed eight years in St. Louis working at Emerson Electric as a community relations representative, has spent nearly 20 years as a manager of The Loading Dock, a bar and grill in Grafton.

As a life member of the SIU Alumni Association, we salute the 1994 Southern graduate for making a difference in the world around her.

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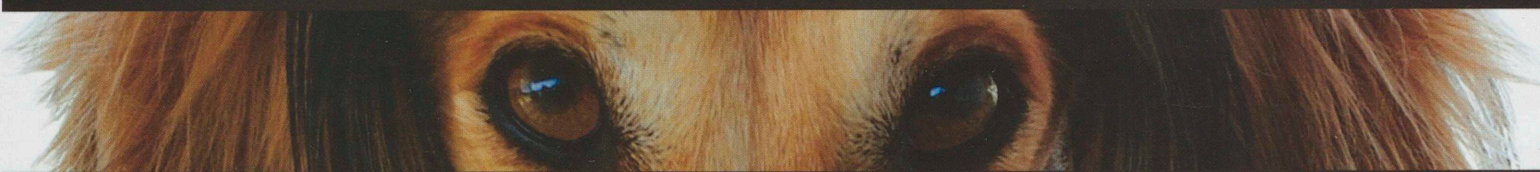
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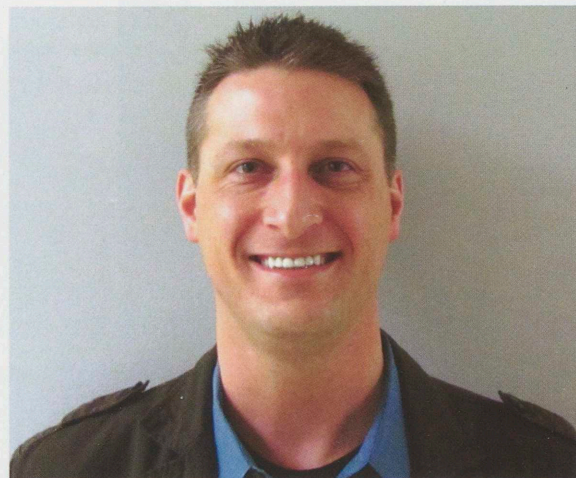


I came to SIU as an immature high school graduate, unsure of what my life in Carbondale would be like. I was happily surprised at the helpful attitude shared by the University population and the local citizens. I enjoyed learning at SIU so much that I added two minors to my major and stayed in the region for six years before returning to the Chicago area.

With my SIU engineering degree, I quickly obtained a design position which led me to a career with Honeywell International as a regulatory compliance manager. My education and experience at Southern also made obtaining an M.B.A. from DePaul University a painless experience – thanks to the ethics, principals, and attitude I learned at SIU.

Now I am well compensated and travel the world assuring our products are designed properly and operate as they are intended.

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